

**SPECIAL ELECTION
THING OF THE PAST**

The special election called for Tuesday, January 10, to vote on granting a franchise for natural gas to the Moody & Seagraves Co., passed by a vote of 781 to 166.

The vote by wards follows:

Ward 1, Yes, 211; No, 32

Ward 2, Yes, 156; No, 60

Ward 3, Yes, 207; No, 37

Ward 4, Yes, 207; No, 37

The special election to change the form of government for Sikeston created much interest, but many failed to come out as the proposition was not thoroughly understood. The vote was a close one as it stood yes, 456; No, 461. The vote by wards follows:

Ward 1, Yes, 161; No, 91

Ward 2, Yes, 120; No, 44

Ward 3, Yes, 105; No, 141

Ward 4, Yes, 70; No, 135

The Sikeston correspondent of the Post-Dispatch stated advocates of the Commission Form of Government would probably proceed with another attempt to vote on the proposition as the vote was so close. Two attorneys have informed The Standard that the question cannot be brought up again before two years.

**MURDER DELIBERATE
GOV. SMITH SAYS**

Gov. Smith's statement denying executive clemency to Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray follows:

"In the matter of the application for executive clemency for Ruth Brown Snyder and Henry Judd Gray:

"This case received my anxious consideration, not merely since the hearing before me upon the application for executive clemency, but ever since the Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed the judgment of the defendants.

"The execution of this judgment on a woman is so distressing that I had hoped that the appeal to me for executive clemency would disclose some fact which would justify my interference with the processes of the law. But this did not happen.

"I have searched in vain for any basis which my conscience, in the light of my oath of office, will approve, on which I might temper the law with mercy. Up to this writing there is no extenuation shown for what seven judges of the Court of Appeals, in agreement with the twelve jurors and the trial justice, have found to be a deliberate and premeditated murder committed by these defendants.

"The application for executive clemency is therefore denied."

**SURPRISE PARTY FOR MR.
AND MRS. SAYERS TANNER**

Mesdames Ben Hahn and Alton Lewis surprised Mr. and Mrs. Sayers Tanner at their home in the country, last Friday evening with a shower. The occasion being the ninth anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Tanner received some lovely gifts from those present. The following from Sikeston attended besides their neighbors in the country: Mrs. Wm. Smith, Mrs. Charles Tanner, Harrison Tanner, Louis Ellen Tanner, Mrs. David Allard, Mrs. Ida Lewis, Miss Pearl Allard, Mrs. Randol Wilson, Miss Myra Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Tanner.

AMONG OUR SICK

We are glad to report that John N. Chaney, who has been ill, is up and around again.

Mrs. Gossitt, who was operated on for appendicitis and who is a patient at the Emergency Hospital, is progressing satisfactorily.

Dr. O. E. Kendall is still improving at his home on South Kingshighway.

Mrs. Mollie Marshall, who suffered a bad scalp wound and a sprained hand and arm last week, is improving.

Forrest Young, who had his hand badly mangled in an electric planing machine at his shop several days ago, is getting along fine he informs The Standard. He will not lose his fingers that were so badly cut as first thought.

A. Skillman, who has been confined to his bed with a severe sore throat, is better.

T. J. Mathis was a business visitor to Poplar Bluff, Thursday.

Mrs. Paul Anderson entertained Mrs. Emma Kendall, Mrs. Henrietta Stumm, Mrs. Wallace Applegate and Mrs. Handy Smith at lunch at the Cape Girardeau Tea Room, Thursday.

**3 BANDITS CAUGHT
AFTER BIG HOLDUP**

East Prairie, January 10.—Three bandits, who early Monday night held up and robbed two men in a rooming house at Caruthersville of \$1600 and and two valuable diamonds, were captured here early today by Marshal George Wright.

The men gave their names as: Elbert Johnson, 25, Chicago; Frank Smith, 25, West Frankfort, and Richard Miller, 34, Cape Girardeau.

Marshal Wright reported finding \$923 of the money, \$74 being taken from Miller and the remainder, about equally divided, from the other two. The bandits refused to say where the remainder of the money was, except to state that they had thrown away about \$400 in silver. The diamonds, a ring and a stud, also were recovered.

The officer here was notified of the robbery from Caruthersville, and later was notified from New Madrid that the bandits had eluded a posse there, and had abandoned their automobile and were making their way to this place on foot.

Wright intercepted Smith and Johnson in a restaurant here at 6 a.m. and a few minutes later captured Miller on the street.

Sheriff Wade Tucker, of New Madrid, who engaged the bandits in a gun battle at the outskirts of New Madrid when they refused to halt their Hudson automobile, came here this forenoon and took the men to New Madrid. En route he said he intended looking for the silver money the men had thrown away.

Fleeing under a barrage of shots from Sheriff Tucker and his posse, the bandits left the highway at New Madrid, taking a side street that led to the river. Here they were forced to abandon their automobile, and they set out on foot along the government levee, following to where it intersects with the railroad leading to East Prairie.

According to the report to Sheriff J. H. Smith at Caruthersville, two bandits entered a rooming house over the Elks Cafe there early Monday night, directed their guns at the two occupants, John Garrett and Luke Van Arsdale, and took \$1600 in money and the two diamonds.

After warning the men to remain in the room until they reached the street, the bandits backed out of the room and entered the automobile, at the wheel of which a man, later identified as Miller, had waited. They sped away, going west toward Highway No. 61.

Sheriff Smith, after being notified, warned officers along highways, and Sheriff Tucker placed a guard on the road where it enters New Madrid.

Approximately \$1200 of the money was in bills, according to Garrett's statement, to officers, while \$400 was in silver. The bandits, however, said they had thrown away only the silver and that the bills found by Marshal Wright constituted the remainder of the loot.

Marshal Wright took three revolvers from the men, Johnson having two and Smith one. Miller was unarmed.

Miller, who insisted he was from Cape Girardeau, gave his occupation as "gambler".

Sheriff Smith said the men had been around Caruthersville for several days, and he believes they had intended staging a bank holdup there.—Cape Missourian.

**TELEPHONE BILLING CHANGE
ON FEBRUARY 1**

Telephone users in Sikeston will be billed for their telephone service in advance after February 1, L. D. Randolph, district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, announced today.

"Heretofore," Randolph said, "telephone subscribers have been billed on the first of the month for the previous month's bill. Under the new system, subscribers will be billed for telephone service for the month in which the bill is presented. Long distance charges up to the twenty-first of the preceding month will be included in this bill."

"In February, telephone users will receive two bills: the regular one on the first of the month for service during January; and the second on the fifteenth for February service. Long distance charges up to the twenty-first of January will be included on the first bill."

Pleasant Hill—Messrs. Maddin and Shippey to drill here for shale gas.

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SENATE PASSES FARM REHABILITATION BILL

necessary expenses, to be expended by the secretary of agriculture under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe for the proper carrying out of the purposes of this act".

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER FOR MRS. CARL MATHIS

A miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mathis Tuesday evening for Mrs. Carl Mathis, formerly Miss Leota Cravens.

A large number of beautiful gifts were received by the young bride. About forty guests were present. The out-of-town guests were Mesdames H. R. Lacey, W. R. Mathis, Herbert Mathis and Miss Vera Mathis, all of Poplar Bluff.

Delightful refreshments were served and a very enjoyable time was had by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lair, Jr., and Mrs. J. P. Loeb of Charleston were Sikeston visitors, Wednesday.

The Andres Meat Market will be closed for a few days until an ammonia pipe to the refrigerator can be replaced.

The Lutherans will have services in Sikeston Sunday morning at 10:30.

Text, St. John 1, 43-51. Theme:

"Three Visions of Jesus". All are welcome at our services.

The big brick plant at Mexico, Mo., called upon the Chillicothe Business

College for two more stenographers

this past week while two more were

placed with Swift & Co. in Chicago.

FAVORS LOCAL AID IN FLOOD CONTROL

Washington, January 11.—The Federal Government should control the Mississippi River for the purpose of navigation, Col. Charles L. Potter of St. Louis, the River Commission president, says, but there should be some form of local co-operation and expense in flood control.

Testifying for the fourth day before the House Flood Control Committee today, Col. Potter asserted that "there is need of local interest for the protection of the levees". He said this interest is stimulated by participation in the cost.

Chairman Reed delved in the campaign of the commission among the levee districts of the valley for payment of their allotments for flood works. Col. Potter admitted that the dealings with the levee districts on financing was "all verbal and there were few written records of these transactions".

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SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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This is one time The Standard editor won both of his bets!

We can now tell why the Commission Form of Government failed to pass. It lacked a majority vote.

The activity displayed by many of our partisan Republicans was another thing that made some vote the way they did. It looked as though they wanted the pie and not for the good of the city.

There is some talk of taking action against one of the election judges in the special election of Tuesday for electioneering in the voting room and marking the ballots of five negro men the opposite from what they wanted to vote.

Fred Groves was down from the Cape Wednesday driving one of the new Fords. While here with it last week, The Standard editor had the pleasure of a ride in the new product and was agreeably surprised at the easy riding of the car. It sped along at a 55-mile gait and had no jar, tremble or shake to it. It looks good to the eye, too.

The nerviest proposition that has hit The Standard office for a long time was a man claiming to be a printer, who blew into the office Wednesday morning and asked for a donation to help him get to Cairo. He was driving a car and had a woman, his wife, he said, with him. The Standard editor has no car and we'll be blamed if we contribute the pice to joy riders.

One of our largest farmers suggested to the editor that he state that Sikeston is yet a country town and should not attempt city ways until the farmer gets back on his feet, that the farmer is anxious to see Sikeston grow and will do his part when a turn for the better comes. This is a good suggestion and worthy of consideration. Without money we cannot grow, and the farmer has to furnish Sikeston with the money. Here's hoping 1928 will be the turning point for the better.

Frank DeCon, chief of game wardens, has informed Deputy Game Warden John Malone, that an officer has the right to demand the count of game if he has an idea that the law is being broken. The editor of The Standard has read this letter and knows it is true.

Jas. Johnson, who was confined to his home for a few days this week on account of being ill, is again able to be at his place of business.

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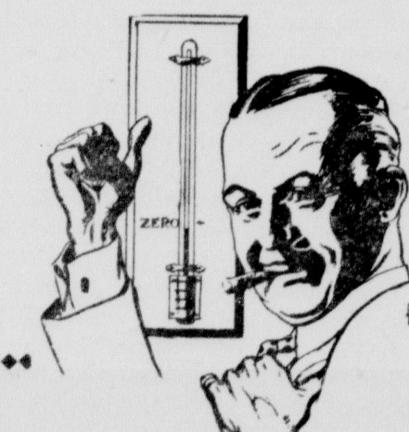
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The mousing assault on the present city administration was ill-timed to say the least, as it made the members work all the more to defend the Commission Form. The administration of Mayor Felker was severely criticised by some, the same with the Administration of Mayor White. All three of these administrations were severely criticised by some, and mostly without reason, as all could accomplish little without more revenue. The administrations of Mayor Malone were likewise criticised when he paid out of his own pocket many bills that should have been paid by the city. He was able to do it and his pride of things for his home city was a pleasure to him. If you KNOW of anything criminal against the administration, or any member, it is your duty as a good citizen to take legal action, and if not, go slow. Disappointed job hunters sometimes start talk and sometimes talk starts itself.

They carry parts for most of the popular makes of cars, the Miller tires and tubes, and expect to have on display in a few days, a line of popular cars.

The quarters formerly occupied by the Boyer Service Co. will be used as a machine shop and repair shop. The machine shop has been moved to the front of the building, and from the looks of the equipment, no job will be too large.

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OPPOSES DIVERSION
OF STATE GAME FUNDS

Perryville, Mo., January 11.—The Perry County Fish and Game Protective Association, a local organization with aims similar to those of the Izaak Walton League, Monday adopted a resolution protesting against the diversion of funds of the State Game and Fish Department to projects foreign to the intended activities of that department.

Specifically, the resolution remonstrates against the use of funds of the department for the removal of the house in which Mark Twain was born from Florida, Mo., to Mark Twain Memorial Park at Hannibal.

The organization indorsed a movement now under way in Cape Girardeau County, whereby a game sanctuary and public shooting ground, which is to be established in this district, would be located in Cape Girardeau County.

William End was elected president of the association. Emmanuel Hoffstetter was chosen vice president, and John Boxdorfer, secretary-treasurer. These men hold similar positions in the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

The Perry County Fish and Game Protective Association was organized last spring, when it became apparent that large numbers of fish, which had followed the Mississippi flood waters into the lowlands north of here, would perish unless an organized effort was made to rescue them.

During the period of the recession of the flood, many thousands of small fish were conveyed by members of the organization to ponds and streams of the county. Later a chapter of the Izaak Walton League was organized here, and, although nearly all members of the original organization took out membership in the new organization, it was voted to continue the local organization. The two organizations, officiated by the same men, function as a single body.

This country, in sending Lindbergh and his plane to Mexico, certainly put its best foot forward.—Marshall County (Minn.) Banner.

As the owner of most of the gold in the world, America cordially welcomes Italy back to the gold standard.—Springfield Republican.

In this wet-and-dry conflict, there's something about a politician on the fence that reminds you of a refugee.

—Publishers Syndicate.

It wasn't the development of more deadly weapons that abolished dueling; it was the development of common sense.—New Britain Herald.

Politics is said to make strange bedfellows, and it also makes a lot of them, to judge by the extent to which the electorate is going to sleep.—Virginian-Pilot.

The modern kitchen equipment makes cooking a simple and easy business for the woman who happens to be an expert machinist.—Chatham (Ont.) News.

Come to think of it, the interventionists have a real grievance against Col. Lindbergh. Can't they sue him or something?—Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger.

The Delphian Society met with Mrs. J. A. Hess Monday afternoon.

The next meeting will be with Miss Myra Tanner on Monday afternoon, January 23.

Manuel Quezon during his Detroit visit indicated that the Filipinos harbor some resentment against this country in spite of all the nice promises that our last five or six Presidents have made them.—Detroit News.

There were 232 murders in eight months in Mayor Thompson's metropolis, including, we presume, that of the King's English.—Brooklyn Eagle. brilliant children generally spring from undistinguished parents. When listening to proud parents we ourselves have been struck by this.—Punch.



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BAKER BEGINS ON NEW SOLUTION OF ROAD BOND ROW

Jefferson City, January 10.—A new effort to affect a compromise between the State Highway Commission and the Automobile Club of Missouri over the amount and details of the new State road bond issue to be submitted to the voters next November, was undertaken today at the instance of Gov. Baker and with the co-operation of the commission and the club.

The controversy is to be taken from these two bodies and lodged with a special committee of six being chosen by the Governor and to be headed by him. It will meet at the Governor's office as soon as possible and draft a bond proposal, which the commission and club will be asked to support.

The Highway Commission late this afternoon after making public a formal resolution approving the plan outlined by the Governor, to which the commission previously had agreed in a conference with the Governor early today. The commission gave assurance it would support the plant adopted by the new committee.

Baker's action brought a halt, for the present at least to nearly four weeks of disagreement over the proposed additional State road bond issue and reopened the way to a compromise when negotiations apparently had reached a deadlock.

Details of the Governor's conference with the commissioners this morning were not disclosed, but it is known that the Governor informed the commission in no uncertain terms that he wanted it to get together on a bond proposal that all factions could support.

The commission had planned to proceed at once with its \$60,000,000 proposal after failure of negotiations with the Automobile Club, but the \$60,000,000 plan went into the discard with the Governor's action. The commission once more is in line for a compromise.

Gov. Baker said he would not announce the appointment of the new committee for a day or two. Baker will be chairman and C. D. Matthews, chairman of the commission, will represent that body. John Malang, director of the Good Roads Bureau of the Automobile Club, probably will represent the club, as his selection was suggested to Baker by Roy A. Britton, president of the club. The other three members will be chosen by Baker from different sections of the State.

Adoption of this plan in effect will wipe out all of the negotiations so far and the new committee will start a new, with the benefit, however, of all of the data that has been worked out in support of the opposing plans of the commission and Automobile Club.

A conference of good roads supporters called for today by Probate Judge Sam D. Hodgson of Clayton, president of the Ozark Trails Association, to urge steps toward a compromise was held in the Senate chamber, but its purpose had been accomplished before the conference began, thru the executive session in the Governor's office.

A brief meeting was held by the representatives of county courts, chambers of commerce and others, and a resolution was adopted urging a \$90,000,000 bond issue, of which \$30,000,000 was to be set aside for farm to market roads. Approval also was given to the Governor's plan for a new compromise committee.

Several speakers in the conference

urged adoption of the original \$120,000,000 proposal of the Automobile Club, but indicated their willingness to support a smaller amount if it would complete the present system and provide farm to market roads.

Members of the commission, in a conference with Gov. Baker this morning, agreed to his compromise plan and bound themselves to abide by the committee's findings. Later, the commission officially voted in ratification of this.

Thereupon the Governor telephoned to Roy F. Britton, president of the Automobile Club, in St. Louis. Britton told him that he could not bind the club because its board of governors last week had fixed minimum requirements for any bond proposal they would support, but that the club would be glad to be represented on the committee and hoped in this way to obtain an acceptable arrangement.

Britton explained that if the committee proposal did not meet the minimum requirements laid down by the club governors the club would not accept the compromise, unless the governors changed their stand.

After the failure last Thursday of an effort at compromise between the club and the commission, at a meeting in St. Louis, the commission announced it would cause to be submitted a \$60,000,000 bond proposal, without prohibition of any possible future increase of the gasoline tax and motor license fees.

The club originally advocated a \$120,000,000 issue and permanent prohibition of such increases. Last Thursday its governors set these minimum requirements: A \$60,000,000 issue, plus authority for an additional \$40,000,000 for farm-to-market roads if revenue justified, and prohibition of tax and fee increases for a reasonable period, preferably fifteen years; also agreement to spend \$12,000,000 of the money widening highway into St. Louis and Kansas City.

Gov. Baker has talked with Chairman Matthews about a 10-year limitation against tax and fee increases. The commission last Thursday offered to agree to a six-year limitation and a maximum issue of \$75,000,000. The commission and club also have had a lesser difference over the method of distributing farm-to-market road money among the counties.

Since both the commission and the club have yielded on some points, it has been the Governor's feeling that both could be induced to make further concessions in order to reach an agreement and assure unified support for the bond proposal. The club had decided to let the commission go it alone on the \$60,000,000 proposition.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the many loving friends who assisted us so much during the sickness and death of our little daughter, also to the ones who sent the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Terry.

Kansas City—Rubber Products, Inc., to operate plant in building at Mephisto and Nicholson Avenues.

Miss Beatrice Moore of Tupelo, Miss., and Curtis Bryant of this city, were married by the Methodist pastor at the home of G. W. Moore, Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. They will make their home in Osceola, Ark., where Mr. Bryant is manager of a store.

Several speakers in the conference



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Gen. Andrew Jackson, hero of the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812, gave the following description of that great American victory in a letter to James Monroe, subsequently President of the United States, says the National Republic:

"The battle commenced at a very little before 7 a.m., January 8, 1815, and as far as the infantry was concerned it was over by 9 a.m. My force was very much mixed. I had portions of the 7th and 44th regular infantry, Kentucky and Tennessee riflemen, creoles, United States marines and sailors, Baratarian men—one of them, Capt. Dominique You, commanded part of my artillery (and a famous gunner he was), and two battalions of free negroes. I had in the action about 6000 men. The British strength was almost the same as mine, but vastly superior in drill and discipline. Of their force my riflemen killed and wounded 2117 in less than an hour, including two general officers (both died on the field, each a division commander), seven full colonels, with seventy-five line and staff officers. I lost six killed and seven wounded."

"As to tactics, there were very little in use on either side. We had some works of earth fronting the river, but the Kentucky and Tennessee riflemen, who sustained the main attack, had protected themselves by a work about two and a half feet high, made of logs placed two feet apart, and the space between filled in with earth. This work began at the Mississippi River, and ended in the swamp, being at a right angle with the river.

"Thinking this the weakest portion of our line, and seeing ununiformed men behind the trifling defenses, General Pakenham thought it the best

thing to begin his attack by carrying this part of my line with the bayonet. On the third of January I had ordered that each rifleman's powder horn be filled, and enough lead for 100 bullets to be issued, besides good material for bullet patching. Coffee reported to me on the 7th that this order had been obeyed, and every man had cleaned up his rifle and put a new flint into the hammer; so we were ready as could be for the attack.

"There was a very heavy fog on the river that morning, and the British had formed and were moving before I knew it. The disposition of the riflemen was very simple. They were told off in numbers one and two. Number one was to fire first, then step back, let number two fire while he reloads. About 600 yards from the riflemen there was a great drainage canal running back from the Mississippi River to the swamp in the rear of the tilled land on which we were operating. Along this canal the British formed, under the fire of the few artillery pieces I had near enough to them to get their range. But the instant I saw them I said to Coffee, whom I directed to hurry to his line, which was to be first attacked: 'By—, we have got them; they are ours!' Coffee dashed forward, and riding along his line, called out, 'Don't shoot until you can see their belt buckles.' The British were formed in mass, well closed up, and about two companies front.

"The British, thus formed, moved at a quick step, without firing a shot, to within 100 yards of the kneeling riflemen, who were holding their fire till they could see the belt buckles of their enemies. The British advance was executed as though they had been on parade. They marched

time they were led by General Pakenham in person, gallantly mounted, and riding as though he was on parade. Just before he got within range of Coffee's line I heard a single rifle shot from a group of country carts we had been using, about 175 yards distant, and a moment thereafter I saw Pakenham reel and pitch out of his saddle. I have always believed he fell from the bullet of a free man of color, who was a famous rifle shot and came from the Arkansas region of Louisiana. The second advance was precisely like the first in its ending. In five volleys the 1500 or more riflemen killed and wounded 2117 British soldiers, two-thirds of them killed, dead or mortally wounded. I did not know where General Pakenham was lying, or I should have sent to him, or gone in person, to offer any service in my power to render.

"I was told he lived two hours after he was hit. General Keene, I hear, was killed dead. They sent a flag to me asking leave to gather up their wounded and bury their dead, which, of course, I granted. I was told by a wounded officer that the rank and file absolutely refused to make a third charge. 'We have no chance with such shooting as these Americans do,' they said".—K. C. Star.

FLOYD RICHARD FERGUSON
DIED LAST WEEK

Floyd Richard Ferguson died at his home near Noxall last Friday. He was born November 11, 1897, died on January 6, 1928, age 30 years, one month and 25 days. After a brief illness of about 60 days, having made a manifestation of being "Prepared to meet his Saviour in peace".

Mr. Ferguson leaves a loving wife and two small children, his parents, one brother and three sisters, Mrs. Alice Chapman of Mt. Erie, Ill., Mrs. Nettie Spitzer of Shattuck, Ill., and Mrs. Flora Shires, wife of the Rev. Shires, who is known by many people through this section of the country.

The mother, brother and sisters and a brother law of Mr. Ferguson, who all live at Gideon and M. G. Jno. Pyland were all present at the funeral.

Interment was made at the Matthews cemetery, services being conducted at the home by Rev. R. E. Carpenter, pastor of the Methodist church of Matthews, at 10 o'clock Saturday.

Mr. Ferguson was born and reared in Missouri. He was a good man and always made friends wherever he lived. It was not only the relatives that feel the loss of a long-time friend and neighbor and citizen. But while we must give the mup in our loss of those we love is Heaven's gain.

J. KELLY WRIGHT WANTS TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Columbia, January 9.—J. Kelly Wright of Columbia, a former lecturer for the State Board of Agriculture, announced today that he is considering becoming a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Wright is now field secretary for Christian College, a women's junior college here.

He said today he had traveled 300,000 miles in Missouri in his eleven years of service with the Board of Agriculture. He is a graduate of the Missouri College of Agriculture.

Thomas Julian and wife of Gray Ridge were here during the week to visit the family of their son, John J. Julian. Mr. Julian and his wife celebrated their 52d anniversary Monday of this week. Both are hale and hearty and give promise to live to celebrate many more anniversaries.

EPOCHAL WAR FILM SHOWN HERE SOON

"The World War", a motion picture utilizing a great portion of the world as a set, with entire nations playing minor parts and with eleven-tenths of the world's population in the cast, will have its appearance at the Malone Theatre next Wednesday.

This unusual picture, which is being shown in this city under the auspices of Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion, has been described as "at once the most thrilling and authentic history of the World War that has ever been told in pictures".

The story of this picture's creation, the lives lost in "shooting" its scenes, the months of delving into the archives of the governments of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia and Germany to obtain official data and pictures, the years devoted to its careful preparation, and the official seals of the United States Navy and Army Departments stamped on the film (the first time in the history of motion pictures that those great seals have appeared on films), all these unusual elements in this picture's preparation make it what it is—"the first big historical motion picture of the World War".

In action covers the greatest drama in the history of the world over a period of four years. Therein lies the remarkable feature of this unusual picture; it has successfully brought to the screen in comprehensive and graphic form, the most gigantic war in the history of the world. This has been done by careful compilation of scenes that are revealing, impressive and authentic.

War in all its phases is seen in this film. There are no picked scenes. The lumbering tanks, the murderous machine guns sweeping No-Man's Land, the poisonous gas, the smoke screens, the depth bombs, sinking of ships by submarines, the flare of star-shells, the recoil of gigantic guns gouging the earth in angry protest, the wire entanglements, the falling planes, the falling men—all the elements of war are seen in this great picture.

"The title of the picture, 'The World War', is no misnomer", one critic said. "It is just that. When you have seen it you will know".

AFTER-MATH

Minnie Sayers Smith
We are removing the Christmas tree,
And placing it to one side.
There'll be no height of festivity,
Night and day our joy and pride.
Eroneous idea, thinking
All else swept away, which it
brings,
While Christmas candles are blinking,
Springs new hope, 'tis then the
heart sings.

So we find, all along life's pathway
Some pleasures mingle life's span,
Clearing the gloom of a lonely day,
Assisting in some great plan.
Let's pick up the threads and the
tatters,
Grasp firmly our courage anew,
REMEMBERING, nothing else
matters,
But, the thing which we think, say
and do.

So then in the scramble and effort,
To keep right what we think and
we say,
Let's not withhold an ounce of sup-
port,
But boost the right thing, the
right way.

Sikeston Standard, \$1.50 per year



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Young's Insurance Agency
Young Building---Sikeston

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STARTS
FRIDAY



A Super
Merchandising
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Special Purchase Sale

Society Brand Suits

In response to a telephone call from the makers of Society Brand Clothes, the buyer for the Buckner Ragsdale Stores in Southeast Missouri hurried to Chicago and through a very special purchase secured the cream of the surplus suit stock of this great clothing manufacturer. We bought these suits at specially discounted prices and are passing the savings on to you through this Super-Merchandising event.

This sale offers a vast stock to pick from—Clothing of unquestionable quality, style and tailoring—priced to your decided advantage.

\$33

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With reductions so pronounced—so plainly obvious, none can fail to grasp this exceptional opportunity to buy and save.

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*Our Entire Stock in Two
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Values to \$30

\$18

Our entire stock of men's and young men's overcoats selling at \$25 to \$30 are included in this special group. They are correctly styled, expertly tailored of quality fabrics.

Many patterns to choose from.

EVERY COAT AN UNUSUAL VALUE

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No Longer An Experiment

Men from all walks of life are using this service in purchasing clothing here. They find it is a real convenience to divide their payments over a period of ten weeks rather than paying the full amount at one time.

**THE BUCKNER
RAGSDALE C°**

Group 2
Values to \$50

\$28

This assortment consists of fine overcoats that sold at from \$35 to \$50. They are the very best styles and are tailored of exceptional quality fabrics in the season's best patterns.

A Selection from
This Group Means
a Saving of
Dollars To You



Annual January Sale

Fur Trimmed Coats—Dresses For Women and Misses—Starts Friday

Every Coat Individual and Greatly Underpriced

A tremendous demonstration of our supremacy in Coat values—in style—in fashion importance. Hundreds of Coats—the season's newest models—have been reduced for immediate clearance in this—our greatest Coat event of the year which begins Friday morning.

Lavish Fur Trimmings Glorify These Coats

And the furs are of that superior quality that is to be found only in coats of the finest quality. Gorgeous big collars and cuffs and hem trimmings of fox, squirrel, nutria, beaver, caracul, lynx, opossum and skunk.

Values to \$99.50

Values to \$69.50

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Values to \$59.50

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VALUES TO \$39.50 down to **\$19.50**



All Children's Coats $\frac{1}{2}$ Price

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YOUR CHOICE **\$2.95**



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The winter's youthful models have been rearranged and re-priced in three interesting groups. Silk and georgette afternoon gowns, satin and metallic dinner dresses and smart dresses of tweed and wool for sports or business wear. A complete size range and every model is exclusive with us in this city.

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THE BUCKNER RAGSDALE C.

The Green Cloak

By
YORKE DAVIS

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I suppose some people would call that a coincidence."

"Some connection, you mean, between the woman Will Harvey testified he saw and the one we saw lying there in the hospital?"

Morgan lived in New Zealand, didn't he? And Ashton says he had maps, vast numbers of maps of the southern Pacific—large scale maps of the groups of islands that are scattered all through it. It's fair to suppose, then, that he had some reason for interest in those far-off South Sea Islands."

"The girl!" I exclaimed. "The girl in the hospital!—Did you mean that she comes from that part of the world? From one of those islands in the South seas?"

"The mark on her arm is enough to prove that," he answered.

He paused there, but I knew that was not all.

"That queer mumbled song of hers?" I hazarded.

He took another turn across the room before he answered that question. "Yes, I understood it," he said at last. "That song, as you call it, was an old Maori death chant."

Doctor McAlister had resumed his thoughtful patrol of the room. "Of course," he said half under his breath. "It may be a coincidence, just that and nothing more."

"No," said I. "No, I can't believe that. There must be some stronger connection than mere chance, between the murdered body of that man in the house out at Oak Ridge and the death chant of that girl at whose bedside we stood tonight. It must be more than chance."

But my chief turned upon me sharply. "Don't make the mistake of thinking that," he said. "There is no greater source of error in the world than the belief that unlikely things can't happen. They happen every day, coincidences against which the chances are a thousand to one. Still," he paused in his stride and plowed his hands through his thick gray hair—"still, to put it conservatively, it's vastly more likely than not that there is a connection; that this girl has some place in that unknown past of his, which he thought he had spomed so completely."

"Well," said I, "if she was any place at all, isn't it altogether likely that she is the person who committed the murder? And if that's so—well, what are we going to do about it? Tell Ashton?"

He wheeled round at that and smote a near-by door panel with his great fist. "No, by thunder, no! Not that. Not, at least, until we've solved this mystery for ourselves; until we are sure we understand it. And I mean by that," he went on, looking at me fixedly, "I mean a good deal more than merely proving she was the woman whom Will Harvey swore he saw in silhouette upon the shade; until we've proved more than that it was her hands that pulled taut the catgut string around the old man's neck."

"What more than that?" I asked steadily. "Can you hope to prove, or want to prove?"

"This," he said, stopping before me and looking straight into my face; "this. That it was her will which directed the hands, and not her soul that was responsible for the crime."

"You mean," I gasped with sudden half-perception of his meaning, "that there may be another will concerned in the business?"

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The next day Doctor McAlister and I each packed a handbag with enough to keep us going for two or three days, and about noon set out for Oak Ridge. The weather had been fine and rather mild for November, but shortly after our return from the hospital the night before, the wind had whipped round into the north. By morning it had developed into a lusty gale, which drove the fine stinging rain and sleet slantwise down from a leaden sky. By the time we were ready to start, the rain was already turning to snow.

We rode in the half-filled smoking car, and hardly exchanged a word, until after we had pulled out from a tiny suburban station and the brakeman, opening the door amid a hall of cinders, had cried out: "Oak Ridge next." Then Doctor McAlister, who sat facing me, leaned forward.

"Our friend Ashton has a considerable power of vivid description," he said. "Unless I'm altogether mistaken,

the young man who is setting three seats behind you, on the other side of the aisle, is the witness of whom he told us yesterday. I felt tolerably sure of it when my eye first lighted on him. He's going to get off at Oak Ridge, and I think that settles it. One small town could hardly boast another like him."

"How do you know he's going to get off at Oak Ridge?" I asked.

"He straightened up a little in his seat and began to readjust his necktie when the brakeman called the name of the town."

When I had made a pretext for changing over and sitting with the doctor, I quite agreed with his identification. There, to the life, was the young man whom Ashton had described to us. I thought I could see traces upon him of the grilling to which Ashton must have subjected him this morning. His eyes were sulken, his color unstable and his hands fidgety. I was half-inclined to think there might be something in the theory of Mallory, the detective, after all.

Evidently Doctor McAlister had no share in this idea, for he lost interest in the young man the moment he was satisfied his identification of him had been correct. When the train stopped at Oak Ridge and we followed William Harvey out of the car, the doctor did not cast a single glance after his retreating figure.

By rare good fortune we found an auto pulled up beside the station platform waiting for the train, a flapping, dilapidated, mud-stained, ramshackle affair, with a driver to match.

After a moment or two of hasty bargaining on the doctor's part, we found ourselves jolting along over a frozen, rutty road toward our destination.

"There's the house," said the driver at last. "But you're pretty late for the funeral. If that's what you've come for, it must be about over by this time."

Neither of us had thought of the funeral, and the sight of a hearse and a single car, waiting there in the windswept road, gave us with our errand, a rather disagreeable sense of incongruity. That feeling was heightened when, leaving our bags in the hall, we were shown by the undertaker into a large, dim front parlor.

Here we saw death in its most conventional form. A little group of people sitting in rows in little folding chairs, a minister reading the service, a quartette from the village choir ready to sing another hymn when he should have done.

When, at the end of the service, the customary opportunity was offered for a last look at the body which lay there in its black casket, my companion rose and, nodding to me to follow him, took his place in the little procession that was filing round the coffin.

I could not do it; that act, somehow seemed to put the crowning touch upon our intrusion.

"Oh, I know how you felt about it," said my chief when the service was over, the people gone and we were left alone in the old house—alone, that is, with the addition of Mallory. "I'm glad I haven't to go through it again, though I'm glad I did, even at some violence to what they call our better instincts. I wouldn't have missed my chance."

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murder took place, the study on the third floor. Across one end of the room ran a rude set of homemade shelves occupied, perhaps, by two or three hundred nondescript volumes. A very large, much littered desk stood in the middle of the larger part of the room, while in the alcove was a high deal table of the sort used by dragoons. A stool stood before it, and a swivel chair in front of the desk.

He nodded gravely. "I'll tell you this," said he, "I'm glad I'm under no obligation to report to Ashton until I'm ready."

Then he did a characteristic thing. He put the thing back in the drawer where he had found it, closed the drawer, straightened up, with a shrug of his broad shoulders, and said, in obviously good faith: "Come, let's be gin."

Rather to my surprise, the doctor made straight for the waste-paper basket, which seemed to have served the purpose of a waste-paper basket. The detectives had evidently examined the contents of it in their search for a clue to the murdered man's identity, but had not thought the contents worth preserving. There was a litter of small scraps about it, and that was all. A rusty oil stove completed the tale of the furniture.

In one of the numerous corners of the room was an immense hamper, which seemed to have served the purpose of a waste-paper basket. The detectives had evidently examined the contents of it in their search for a clue to the murdered man's identity, but had not thought the contents worth preserving. There was a litter of small scraps about it, and that was all. A rusty oil stove completed the tale of the furniture.

As I bent over to help him, he held out an irregular bit of thick white paper for my inspection. "He was a queer geographer, sure enough," was his comment. "He tore up his maps. This is part of one. There's a fact which might well have struck previous investigators as curious, but apparently did not. If he tore them up, it was because he was through with them. And if he could get through with them so that he could be sure he wouldn't want them any more, it was because they were meant to serve him some single, definite purpose. When they had so served it, or had failed to serve it, then he destroyed them to get them out of the way. That's logical, isn't it?"

"Absolutely, so far as I can see."

Presently he carried another scrap over to the draughting table, scrutinized its bare surface rather minutely, and then offered this second morsel of paper for my inspection. "Well, that's one thing he did with his maps. He pinned them down on this table of his with thumb-tacks."

He pulled open a little drawer in the table, took out first some pencils, rulers and compasses, and finally a rectangular contrivance made of wooden rods, with flexible joints at the corners.

"Do you know what this is?" he asked. "For a wonder I did, and he did not. That was a situation which arose but rarely."

"It's a pantograph," said I. "It's used for copying on an enlarged or reduced scale. You can set the scale to anything you like."

"That's what it means, then," said the doctor, turning away from the table, with a nod of satisfaction. "He spread his maps out here, and when they weren't on a large enough scale to suit him, he drew them up bigger, and then tore them up. No, that won't do. There's some intervening process. He needed those charts on a larger scale than he could get, and he enlarged them until they suited that unknown purpose of his. But of that purpose itself, we've found no trace. We may never find a trace, but if he's left a clew to it anywhere, I think we may hope to find it."

(Continued Tuesday)

The expression of the doctor's face, as he turned toward me, betrayed both indignation and excitement. "The prosecution of crime still goes on the basis that telling the truth is an easy thing to do; that a man does tell the truth, unless he means to lie. The man who came up here and found the body of Henry Morgan testified that he had been strangled by a noose. They thought it was true, because strangulation by a noose is the only kind they ever heard of. But look at this."

He held it out to me, and my repugnance forgotten, I took it in hand. Instead of one knot, the string contained two, one near the end, the other about fifteen inches away. They were tied just alike, and were knots of the fixed-loop variety, very like a bowline. "If there were only a knot at the end," said the doctor, "the rest of the string could have been drawn through to form a noose; but, of course, with this second knot of equal size that becomes impossible. The man was strangled, not by a noose at all, but by a tourniquet—a little stick—a lead pencil perhaps—run through the two loops and twisted.

"Look here!" he cried the next moment, with rising excitement. "Here's the rest of the instrument." He held out for my inspection a long straight-stemmed briar pipe, and I was able to see, just at the base of the bowl, a shiny, circular indentation. The ghastly clearness of the demonstration of the murderer's method sickened me a little, and I dropped the pipe rather quickly.

My chief was pacing up and down the room, talking to himself. "I never believed in that noose—not really believed in it."

"You are undoubtedly right about it," said I, "but is the discovery important? Does it make any real difference?"

"Two or three nights, perhaps," said the doctor. "We want to do a little looking about."

"Well," said Mallory, with jocular sarcasm, "if you find the secret of the old man's past, or meet up with that mysterious woman that one of the witnesses testified about at the inquest, why, let me know."

"You mean to spend the night here yourself, don't you?" I asked.

"Well, part of it, perhaps. I've got some looking about to do. But you needn't mind me. I've got a key and can let myself in at any time."

An hour later, after a bountiful but vilely cooked meal at a little restaurant near the railway station, we returned to the house and began our investigation in earnest.

The first room, of course, to attract our attention was the room where the

resemblance of women to angels may be more pronounced than that of men, but so far no woman has been able to fly across the ocean.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Willette Morgan, who has been making a holiday visit at her father, W. B. Morgan, of Parma, has returned to Chillicothe and re-enrolled in the Chillicothe Business College.

FOR RENT—6-room house, newly decorated, lights, bath and water. See A. C. Barrett at Bank of Sikeston, tf.

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FRED T. HOLLAND.

Rooms, \$3.00 per week, single; \$4 per week, double. Also board. Furnace heat, hot water and bath. Two blocks from Post Office.—Mrs. J. W. Myers, Phone 516, 514 N. New Madrid Street.

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Some choice milk cows, Poland China hogs, good team and all kinds of corn and cotton tools, gang plows, one and two row riding and walking cultivators, disc and disc harrow. Priced cheap if sold this week, as I am leaving Southeast Missouri. Located 3 1/4 miles south Sikeston, 3 1/4 miles east of Hebbeler Bros. Dairy barn on F. M. Sikes' place.

FRED T. HOLLAND.

M. W. A. RALLY

Wednesday, January 18, 1928
Odd Fellows Hall, Sikeston, Mo.

To celebrate the leading of the State of Missouri, by District No. 16, in 1927.

Master of Ceremony—National Auditor—Judge H. S. Green of Bloomfield, Mo.

Public Installation of Officers, 6:30 p. m. by Hon. R. R. Smith of Kansas City, Missouri's Director, Modern Woodmen of America

GENERAL PROGRAM 7:00 P.M.

Song—America Led by Glee Club

Drill and Display of Flag Foresters

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mrs. Ed Parker was taken to the hospital in Cairo, Saturday in the Albrighton ambulance of Sikeston. Mrs. Parker was suffering from blood poisoning. She gave birth to a son about one week ago and has been very ill since. It was thought by being moved to the hospital she may recover. On Tuesday Mrs. Parker passed away. At the time of this writing, funeral arrangements had not been arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Cherry and sons, Raymond and Lynn, D. Parker and Ed Parker accompanied Mrs. Ed Parker to the Cairo hospital, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Horn returned to their home in Conran Tuesday, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Duckworth.

Miss Blanche Revelle spent Sunday with Miss Marie Binford.

Mrs. Mary Maxwell and little son, Richard, and nephew, Kenneth Roberts of San Antonio, Texas, are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carruthers.

Mrs. Don Kochel of Canalou spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Elderbrouks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Duckworth motored to Conran Wednesday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Buckles and little daughter of Sikeston visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gill Brooks, Sunday.

Mrs. Milus R. Davis of Canalou spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carruthers.

Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. G. D. Englehart were Sikeston visitors, on Monday.

Empson Brewer of Canalou was a Matthews visitor, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Young shopped in Sikeston, Monday.

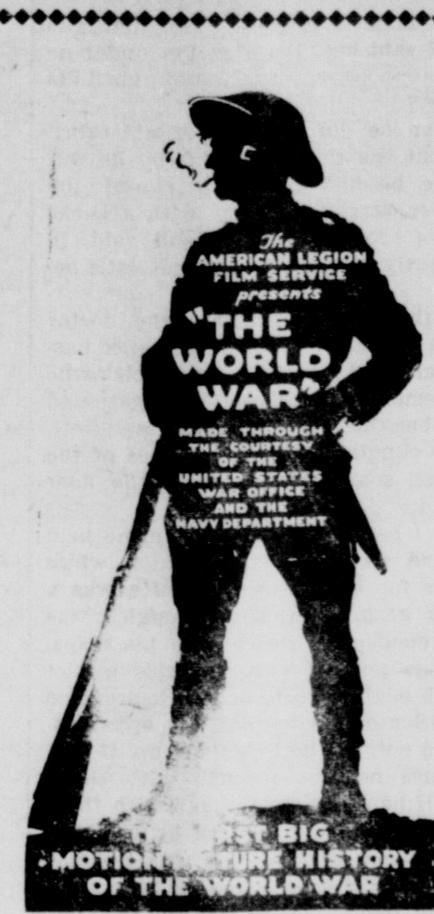
NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Good sound planting seed of both corn and cotton will be scarcer this spring than has been the case in many years. Most of the farmers in New Madrid County will plant seed which they have grown during the past year, unfortunately, much of the seed of this past year will not be of high enough germination power to make it advisable for this. Considerable care should be exercised by the farmers in selecting their seed for the spring planting. It is unnecessary that they guess it to be good enough, but they can have the seed tested without any charge through the office of the County Extension Agent.

It is urged that all farmers who have saved their seed or have bought seed of which they do not know the germination bring a small sample a handful will be sufficient, to the County Extension Agent's office. It will require from two to three weeks to conduct a germinating test and the quicker samples are brought in, the quicker the test will be completed. To plant a poor seed means not only a loss of time, but a decreased yield of poor quality, which means also a loss of money. This can be avoided if the seeds are tested before planting time.

Permanent pasture is the most valuable crop on the farm according to Alfred Stepp a New Madrid County farmer this opinion has also been voiced by other prominent farmers, and is generally considered to be correct.

According to County Agent Scott M. Julian, every farmer should raise some live stock, but Mr. Julian states



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that live stock cannot be raised profitably without proper pastures. There seems to be a growing tendency among farmers in the county to increase their live stock holdings; this is unquestionably a very fine move, and has the endorsement of bankers and business men.

A point to be remembered however, is that there must be sufficient pasture to care for the stock if any money is expected to be made.

There are several good pasture mixtures for permanent pastures, and any farmer desiring information concerning this, can secure it at the County Extension Agent's office. Spring pastures should be sown, particularly if they have clover in the mixtures, towards the last of February or the first of March. This time

is rapidly approaching and plans should be made before the planting time arrives.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bible School—9:45 a. m.
Public Worship—11:00 a. m.
Prayer Meeting—Thursday, 7 p. m.

Are you attending church? If not, you are cordially invited to attend our services. Everybody welcome.

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Mrs. J. O. Beabout, Mrs. S. B. Hardwick and Mrs. Robb of Bertrand, Mrs. Boyce, Mrs. Benson and Mrs. Berger of Oran were among the many out-of-town visitors to see the picture, Ben Hur, at Malone Theatre Tuesday afternoon.

MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Leeton—Annual meeting of Leeton Livestock Shipping Association will be held here January 21.

Dresel—Another oil well brought in this section 12 on Miller farm, seven miles southwest.

Princeton—O. S. Tallent to install hatchery here shortly.

Hamilton—Burlington has extra gang here laying new and heavier steel rails.

Boonville—New addition to St. Joseph's Hospital nearing completion.

Columbia—New town springing up on U. S. Highway No. 41 eighteen miles east of here.

Mother Makes 'Em Best

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne

I guess 'most anybuddy's cake
An' cookies ain't so hard t' take
When boys an' girls 're comin' in from play,
But when I'm lookin' fer a treat
That nothin' else could ever beat,
I'll pick my Mother's cookies any day!

My Gran'na makes 'em awful good,
An' lots o' times I wish I could
Be at her house t' eat 'em while they're hot.
Sometimes a neighbor-lady, too,
Is lucky, an' brings us a few—
But, gosh, our fam'ly always needs a lot!

When Mother hasn't any more,
Sometimes she buys some at the store,
But every kind tastes jes' like all the rest.
You bet yer neck I like the cake
An' cookies other people bake;
But my own Mother always makes 'em best!



Oak Hill—Purchase of lime pulverizer contemplated.

Alton—Work on road between here and Thomasville completed.

Edina—Office of Bell Telephone Co. moves to larger quarters in Simpson building.

Guthrie—Chicago & Alton Railroad to maintain station agent at Guthrie on South Branch.

Exeter—Business men here to replace burned buildings.

Springfield—Detour on highway 66 between Stafford and Holman east of here eliminated.

New Franklin—New State Bank, Exchange Bank of New Franklin, chartered.

Purdy—Empire District Electric Company constructing power line southward from here to point near Cassville.

Versailles—Central Missouri Mining Company of Versailles to erect lead and zinc mill of 10 tons daily capacity.

Joplin—This place and Kansas City connected by hardsurfaced all-year highway; 60 per cent concrete.

Farmington—Approaches to new bridge across Wolf Creek on 61 three miles south of here will be surfaced.

Salem—19 cans of fish planted in Meramec and Current Rivers.

Campbell—Clay-Dunklin Oil & Gas Company to drill 2 tests near this place.

Cowgill—Fire department organized here.

Clarksdale—"Clarksdale Journal" is new paper being published here.

Shelbyville—E. Smith and J. McKeithen shipped load of 1188 steers to St. Louis market from here on recent day.

Westphalia—Town board grants franchise to Gasconade Light & Power Company for electric current.

Greenville—Arkansas-Mo. Power Company wiring buildings in Greenville and Williamsburg.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

The beekeepers of Southeast Missouri organized at a meeting in Morehouse Monday night. There were two members of the board of directors elected from each county in Southeast Missouri. L. A. Schott of Benton was elected to draft a tentative set of by-laws and a constitution. The first meeting of the board of directors will be held in the Chamber of Commerce room in Sikeston, Tuesday, January 24, at eight o'clock.

Boone & Son Grocery has bought out the Walden grocery and moved to the old Walden location.

The Morehouse Tigers play Cape Girardeau Central Thursday night at Cape. The girls' basketball team will play Canalou Friday night at the local gym followed by an independent game between Morehouse and Canalou.

Professor Bryce Edwards will start an extension course in olericulture at Mattheus next Monday. This is a University of Missouri course for three hours credit. Teachers of the Sikeston district who want credit, can advantageously take this course at a small cost compared to resident work at the University.

Mrs. W. R. Griffin went to Cairo on Wednesday to spend the remainder of the week visiting here son, William Marvin.

Mrs. Brice Edwards and son spent Wednesday in Charleston, the guests of Mrs. P. H. Teal.

P. H. Teal, County Agent of Mississippi County, was a business visitor in Morehouse, Wednesday.

Farmington—Traffic sign to be erected at intersection of highway 61 and Potosi Street at northwest city limits.



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YOUTH HAS HIS JOKE:
POLICE LAUGH LAST

St. Louis, January 6.—Ernest Fields, 28, former soda dispenser at little Hayti, Mo., had to have his little joke while trying to be a real dyed-in-the-wool highwayman in a big town.

And today the police are, figuratively, laughing last, for Fields' body lies in the morgue with three bullet holes which he got in a pitched battle with officers, in which 50 shots were fired after he had misjudged the time required for his joke.

His prank was to compel 11 people to drink sodas, whether of the proper flavor or not, while he held up the drug store and nonchalantly displayed his nerve by sticking around a while. Somebody with a small sense of humor telephoned police. They, too, failed to see the joke. They opened fire.

Fields, known familiarly as "Fat", had the reputation of being a practical joker, even when employed as a soda dispenser and all around clerk in his father's general store at Hayti. His parents did not approve of his gambling and drinking habits and he came to St. Louis three months ago. Until Christmas he was employed as a butcher in a chain store. He boarded with his wife and her child by a previous marriage.

BANK BANDITS CAUGHT
FLEEING WITH BOOTY

Poplar Bluff, January 6.—James Tyler, 19, and Gene Cooper 21, of Belleville, Ill., admit they were miserable failures in their first attempt to hold up a bank and get away with it. They are in county jail following a thrilling afternoon, after they held up the Bank of Qulin, at Qulin, 25 miles south of here, and obtained about \$3000. The youths were captured near the heart of the Poplar Bluff business section, about an hour after the robbery.

With Chief of Police Robert Davis of Poplar Bluff, and Deputy Sheriff Claude Graham pursuing in another machine, the youths sped through the business section of Poplar Bluff and hit a curb as the driver attempted to turn into a residential district. They abandoned it only to run into the arms of the officers after the two-mile chase over Highway No. 60.

The money was found in a sack in the automobile. A rifle was also left in the machine. The automobile, an old coupe, was stolen in St. Louis, police said.

More Cream, Less Cotton

Dexter, January 6.—The amount of cream shipped from Dexter in 1927 increased nearly 20 per cent while the poultry shipments increased more than 12 per cent over 1926. Cotton ginned in the county decreased nearly 65 per cent, the Government report of December 13 showing 4400 less bales in 1927 than at the same date in 1926.

It is announced that Kansas City will entertain the G. O. P. national convention. But we shouldn't be surprised if it turned out to be the other way around.—San Diego Union.

MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL
REVIEW NEWS

Chillicothe—Chillicothe Business College formally opens its new gymnasium-auditorium.

Fortuna—Farmers Shipping Association recently shipped load of cattle to St. Louis market from here.

Gladstone—Post office here to remain open.

Farmington—C. B. Denman shipped two carloads of lambs from here on recent day.

Elvins—New Piggly Wiggly Store opened here.

Pleasant Hill—J. F. Bell's invention of saw-rig and portable shingle mill to be manufactured here beginning January 20.

Hollister—Preliminary construction work on Table Rock dam at head of Lake Taneycomo near here begun.

Wayland—Contract awarded for paving road between here and Kahoka on State Highway No. 4.

Lee's Summit—Site being inspected for proposed county buildings.

Carthage—Suitable market place to be provided here.

St. Louis—New building for St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church and school being erected on Neosho Street.

Bethany—Farm Equipment Company opens for business with establishments at Bethany and Ridgeway.

Vandalia—Farmers Elevator shipped 2 carloads hogs to St. Louis from here recently.

Pattensburg—Work under way on Highway 69.

Mexico—Plans making for construction of garage here to be occupied by Gorrell Chevrolet Co.

Marsfield—Pevely Dairy Co. of St. Louis opens sweet cream plant here.

Westphalia—This town grants electric light and power franchise to Gasconade Light & Power Co.

Gerald—Efforts being made to induce H. F. Webster Leather Company of St. Louis to locate sole leather factory here.

Hannibal—Independent Gravel Co. of Carthage and Joplin erecting new limestone crushing plant at quarries.

Rockville—Petition out for new proposed highway to be built north and east of town.

Carthage—Improvement of Fairview Avenue from Grand Avenue eastward 2 miles assured.

Bowling Green—"Bowling Green Jeffersonian" sold to "Bowling Green Times".

Union—Farm Delegates to hold business session here January 25.

Trenton—Twenty head of purebred Herefords added to Kathan Hereford Farm near this place.

Rolla—Frisco railroad puts on new fast train and greatly improves schedule.

De Soto—Bids to be received for building sewer system here.

Cameron—Cameron Telephone Co. laying cable to replace lines in business section of Main street.

Monett—Emery Hill Investment Co. increases capitalization.

Galt—Purchase of chemical fire extinguisher considered here.

Bismarck—Output of dairy industry in this section during past year

amounted to more than combined production of potatoes, corn and wheat.

Harrisonville—Drive for Farm Bureau members under way in Cass County.

Palmyra—Burlington Railroad putting in new bridge over Junction road.

Russellville—New free bridge across Arkansas River near here dedicated.

GENERAL LEE'S MOTHER
WAS BURIED ALIVE

Gen. Robert E. Lee, the military hero and leader of the South, was born fifteen months after his mother had been laid to rest in her casket in the family vault on Arlington Heights.

This sounds like a strange phenomenon of nature, but it is true, nevertheless. History, so far as it touches the life of this great military genius, fails to mention this incident.

Warfield Lee, of Gatletburg, Ky., is familiar with the story of the incident, and occasionally relates it to his acquaintances. An the Catletburg man is in a position to know, for he is a grand-nephew of General Lee. The distinguished military leader was a brother of Warfield Lee's father, Samuel Lee.

He tells the story as follows:

"Light Horse" Harry Lee's wife, was in very poor health in 1809. The family physician had announced that his skill and knowledge of medical science could not save her. Her condition grew steadily more precarious until one day four physicians about her bedside pronounced her dead. She lay in state in the great Lee mansion on Arlington Heights for four days. On the sixth day she was removed to the family mausoleum.

On the seventh day the sexton went into the mausoleum to lay flowers on the casket and sweep the floor, for the day before had been quite rainy and the shoes of those following the distinguished woman to her final rest dropped considerable mud.

While sweeping, the old sexton heard a weak far-off sounding call, "Help, help, help". The sexton could not account for the voice unless it were from the dead, and he soon was without the walls of the mausoleum.

Arguing with himself, the voice had been entirely his imagination, he finally took courage and returned to his sweeping.

Finishing his sweeping, he walked to the casket to strew the flowers over the lid. Again he heard that weak, far-off calling "Help, help, help!" He was standing directly over the glass of the lid, and looking into the face of the supposedly dead woman he saw her lips quiver. The lid was hurriedly removed by him before he summoned assistance. Mrs. Lee was taken from the mausoleum to the house, where she soon recovered and lived to a ripe old age.

Fifteen months after the incident Robert Edward Lee was born.

While Congress is in session, the log of the Ship of State shows a lot of rolling.—*Virginian-Pilot*.

Another thing: You can learn by mail to speak good English, and that will astonish your friends.—*Manila Bulletin*.

Chicago Is Churchgoing Town.—Headline. A considerable number of the churchgoers, we imagine, attend in the capacity of pall-bearers.—*Kansas Gazette*.

Three thousand pounds of fish were seined from the Mississippi River near Keokuk, Iowa, one day last week. The fish were all caught at one haul, many seines being used.

The catch included perch, carp, buffalo, white bass and catfish. The fish were in winter quarters between the dikes near the mouth of the Des Moines River, when discovered by the fishermen. A week's labor was re-

quired to cut away the ice and prepare for the seine haul. It took five men about fourteen hours to take the fish out of the seines. They were taken to Keokuk in trucks. Many of the fish were shipped to Chicago, New York and Kansas City.

Sports make a nation hardy. You build up a lot of resistance sitting on a cold step of concrete.—*Bellingham Herald* and *Reveille*.

REV. E. B. HENSLEY GIVEN
RECEPTION WEDNESDAY

Rev. E. B. Hensley, who recently became pastor of the Flat River First Christian church, and Mrs. Hensley were given a reception Wednesday evening at the church. A program was given, consisting of talks from chairman of the different organizations of the church, also musical numbers, consisting of vocal solos, quartettes and community singing. After this a social hour was spent and refreshments of fruit salad, cake and cocoa were served. The reception was largely attended and was a very enjoyable affair.—Flat River News.

TO OPERATE 30 CREAM ROUTES

Poplar Bluff, January 6.—Thirty cream routes will be operated out of Poplar Bluff by the Pevely Dairy Co., beginning next week. W. O. Martin of St. Louis will have temporary charge of the local Pevely Company station. Equipment is en route here now and the company will be located in new building on Fifth street. Martin is of the opinion that the local station will increase output of dairy products greatly, and that the cream business, within three years, will net farmers more than \$5000 a day.

Sign on a Minneapolis street-car: "Pedestrians should be seen and not heard".—Chicago News.

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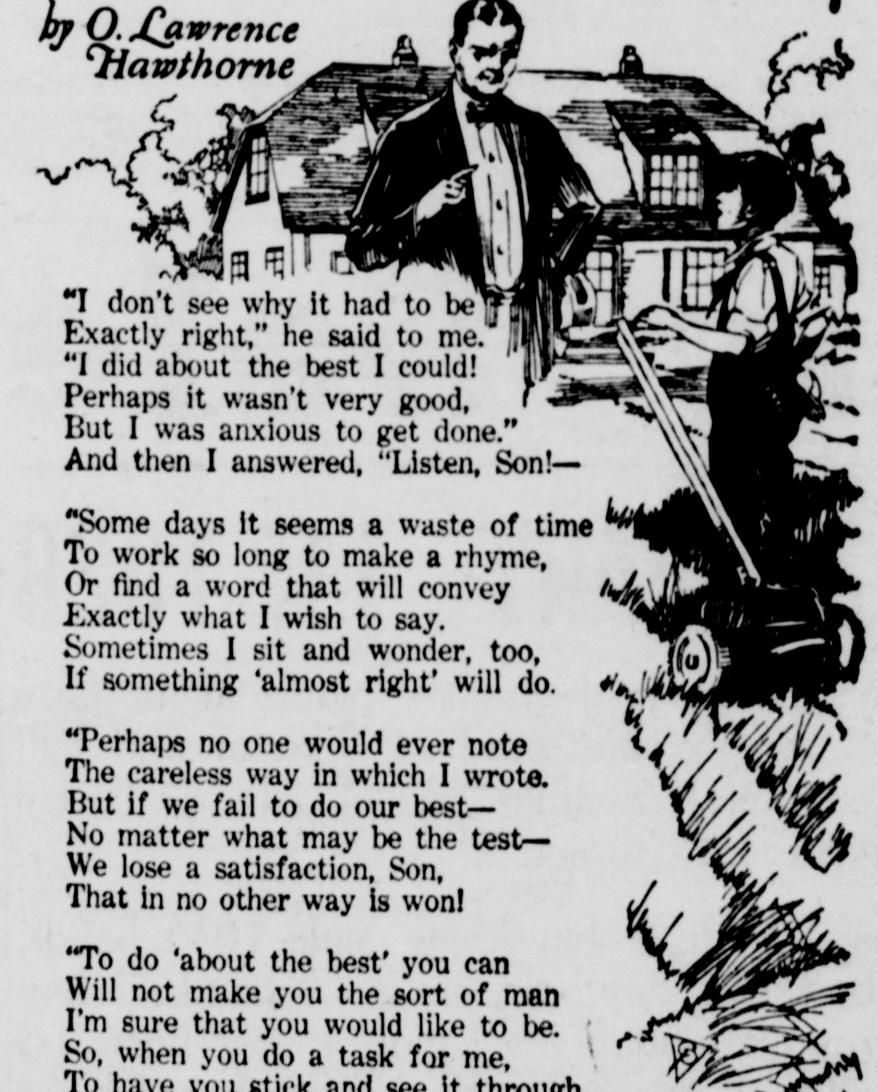
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Let's Do Our Best!

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne



"I don't see why it had to be.
Exactly right," he said to me.
"I did about the best I could!
Perhaps it wasn't very good,
But I was anxious to get done."
And then I answered, "Listen, Son!"

"Some days it seems a waste of time
To work so long to make a rhyme,
Or find a word that will convey
Exactly what I wish to say.
Sometimes I sit and wonder, too,
If something 'almost right' will do."

"Perhaps no one would ever note
The careless way in which I wrote.
But if we fail to do our best—
No matter what may be the test—
We lose a satisfaction, Son,
That in no other way is won!"

"To do 'about the best' you can
Will not make you the sort of man
I'm sure that you would like to be.
So, when you do a task for me,
To have you stick and see it through
Means much to me—but more to you!"



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**SPECIAL ELECTION
THING OF THE PAST**

The special election called for Tuesday, January 10, to vote on granting a franchise for natural gas to the Moody & Seagraves Co., passed by a vote of 781 to 166.

The vote by wards follows:

Ward 1, Yes, 211; No, 32
Ward 2, Yes, 156; No, 60
Ward 3, Yes, 207; No, 37
Ward 4, Yes, 207; No, 37

The special election to change the form of government for Sikeston created much interest, but many failed to come out as the proposition was not thoroughly understood. The vote was a close one as it stood yes, 456; No, 461. The vote by wards follows:

Ward 1, Yes, 161; No, 91
Ward 2, Yes, 120; No, 44
Ward 3, Yes, 105; No, 141
Ward 4, Yes, 70; No, 135

The Sikeston correspondent of the Post-Dispatch stated advocates of the Commission Form of Government would probably proceed with another attempt to vote on the proposition as the vote was so close. Two attorneys have informed The Standard that the question cannot be brought up again before two years.

**MURDER DELIBERATE
GOV. SMITH SAYS**

Gov. Smith's statement denying executive clemency to Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray follows:

"In the matter of the application for executive clemency for Ruth Snyder and Henry Judd Gray:

"This case received my anxious consideration, not merely since the hearing before me upon the application for executive clemency, but ever since the Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed the judgment of the defendants.

"The execution of this judgment on a woman is so distressing that I had hoped that the appeal to me for executive clemency would disclose some fact which would justify my interference with the processes of the law. But this did not happen.

"I have searched in vain for any basis which my conscience, in the light of my oath of office, will approve, on which I might temper the law with mercy. Up to this writing there is no extenuation shown for what seven judges of the Court of Appeals, in agreement with the twelve jurors and the trial justice, have found to be a deliberate and premeditated murder committed by these defendants.

"The application for executive clemency is therefore denied."

**SURPRISE PARTY FOR MR.
AND MRS. SAYERS TANNER**

Mesdames Ben Hahn and Aleom Lewis surprised Mr. and Mrs. Sayers Tanner at their home in the country, last Friday evening with a shower. The occasion being the ninth anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Tanner received some lovely gifts from those present. The following from Sikeston attended besides their neighbors in the country: Mrs. Wm. Smith, Mrs. Charles Tanner, Harrison Tanner, Louis Ellen Tanner, Mrs. David Allard, Mrs. Ida Lewis, Miss Pearl Allard, Mrs. Randolph Wilson, Miss Myra Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Tanner.

AMONG OUR SICK

We are glad to report that John N. Chaney, who has been ill, is up and around again.

Mrs. Gossitt, who was operated on for appendicitis and who is a patient at the Emergency Hospital, is progressing satisfactorily.

Dr. O. E. Kendall is still improving at his home on South Kingshighway.

Mrs. Mollie Marshall, who suffered a bad scalp wound and a sprained hand and arm last week, is improving.

Forrest Young, who had his hand badly mangled in an electric planing machine at his shop several days ago, is getting along fine he informs The Standard. He will not lose his fingers that were so badly cut as first thought.

A. B. Skillman, who has been confined to his bed with a severe sore throat, is better.

T. J. Mathis was a business visitor to Poplar Bluff, Thursday.

Mrs. Paul Anderson entertained Mrs. Emma Kendall, Mrs. Henrietta Stumm, Mrs. Wallace Applegate and Mrs. Handy Smith at lunch at the Cape Girardeau Tea Room, Thursday.

**3 BANDITS CAUGHT
AFTER BIG HOLDUP**

East Prairie, January 10.—Three bandits, who early Monday night held up and robbed two men in a rooming house at Caruthersville of \$1600 and two valuable diamonds, were captured here early today by Marshal George Wright.

The men gave their names as: Elbert Johnson, 25, Chicago; Frank Smith, 25, West Frankfort, and Richard Miller, 34, Cape Girardeau.

Marshal Wright reported finding \$923 of the money, \$74 being taken from Miller and the remainder, about equally divided, from the other two. The bandits refused to say where the remainder of the money was, except to state that they had thrown away about \$400 in silver. The diamonds, a ring and a stud, also were recovered.

The officer here was notified of the robbery from Caruthersville, and later was notified from New Madrid that the bandits had eluded a posse there, and had abandoned their automobile and were making their way to this place on foot.

Wright intercepted Smith and Johnson in a restaurant here at 6 a.m. and a few minutes later captured Miller on the street.

Sheriff Wade Tucker, of New Madrid, who engaged the bandits in a gun battle at the outskirts of New Madrid when they refused to halt their Hudson automobile, came here this forenoon and took the men to New Madrid. En route he said he intended looking for the silver money the men had thrown away.

Fleeing under a barrage of shots from Sheriff Tucker and his posse, the bandits left the highway at New Madrid, taking a side street that led to the river. Here they were forced to abandon their automobile, and they set out on foot along the government levee, following to where it intersects with the railroad leading to East Prairie.

According to the report to Sheriff J. H. Smith at Caruthersville, two bandits entered a rooming house over the Elk's Cafe there early Monday night, directed their guns at the two occupants, John Garrett and Luke Van Arsdale, and took \$1600 in money and the two diamonds.

After warning the men to remain in the room until they reached the street, the bandits backed out of the room and entered the automobile, at the wheel of which a man, later identified as Miller, had waited. They sped away, going west toward Highway No. 61.

Sheriff Smith, after being notified, warned officers along highways, and Sheriff Tucker placed a guard on the road where it enters New Madrid.

Approximately \$1200 of the money was in bills, according to Garrett's statement, to officers, while \$400 was in silver. The bandits, however, said they had thrown away only the silver and that the bills found by Marshal Wright constituted the remainder of the loot.

Marshal Wright took three revolvers from the men, Johnson having two and Smith one. Miller was unarmed.

Miller, who insisted he was from Cape Girardeau, gave his occupation as "gambler".

Sheriff Smith said the men had been around Caruthersville for several days, and he believes they had intended staging a bank holdup there—Cape Missourian.

**TELEPHONE BILLING CHANCE
ON FEBRUARY 1**

Telephone users in Sikeston will be billed for their telephone service in advance after February 1, L. D. Randal, district manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, announced today.

"Heretofore," Randal said, "telephone subscribers have been billed on the first of the month for the previous month's bill. Under the new system, subscribers will be billed for telephone service for the month in which the bill is presented. Long distance charges up to the twenty-first of the preceding month will be included in this bill."

In February, telephone users will receive two bills: the regular one on the first of the month for service during January; and the second on the fifteenth for February service. Long distance charges up to the twenty-first of January will be included on the first bill."

Pleasant Hill—Messrs. Maddin and Shippey to drill here for shale gas.

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**SENATE PASSES FARM
REHABILITATION BILL**

Washington, January 11.—Without opposition, the Senate today passed the bill introduced by Senator Joseph

T. Robinson of Arkansas for the purpose of providing immediate means for rehabilitating farm lands in the flood areas.

The bill, which was reported from the Senate committee on agriculture and forestry by Senator Caraway, member of the committee,

necessary expenses, to be expended by the secretary of agriculture under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe for the proper carrying out of the purposes of this act".

**MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER
FOR MRS. CARL MATHIS**

A miscellaneous shower was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mathis Tuesday evening for Mrs. Carl Mathis, formerly Miss Leota Cravens. A large number of beautiful gifts were received by the young bride.

About forty guests were present. The out-of-town guests were Mesdames H. R. Lacey, W. R. Mathis, Herbert Mathis and Miss Vera Mathis, all of Poplar Bluff.

Delightful refreshments were served and a very enjoyable time was had by those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lair, Jr., and Mrs. J. P. Loeb of Charleston were present.

The Andres Meat Market will be closed for a few days until an ammonia pipe to the refrigerator can be repaired.

The Lutherans will have services in Sikeston Sunday morning at 10:30 A.M., St. John 1, 43-51. Theme: "Three Visions of Jesus". All are welcome at our services.

The big brick plant at Mexico, Mo., called upon the Chillicothe Business College for two more stenographers this past week while two more were placed with Swift & Co. in Chicago.

**FAVORS LOCAL AID
IN FLOOD CONTROL**

Washington, January 11.—The Federal Government should control the Mississippi River for the purpose of navigation, Col. Charles L. Potter of St. Louis, the River Commission president, says, but there should be some form of local co-operation and expense in flood control.

Testifying for the fourth day before the House Flood Control Committee today, Col. Potter asserted that "there is need of local interest for the protection of the levees". He said this interest is stimulated by participation in the cost.

Chairman Reed delved in the campaign of the commission among the levee districts of the valley for payment of their allotments for flood works. Col. Potter admitted that the dealings with the levee districts on financing was "all verbal and there were few written records of these transactions".

The levee districts under the present law are under contract to make their contribution to the Government for flood protection", he said.

Representative Cox of Georgia, a Democrat, on the committee, asked Col. Potter if the commission was influenced in its studies and report by the army engineers. The commission's president said "No".

Minden—Santa Fe Railroad building shed at shipping yards here.

**1.15 CTS. FOR FARMER
IN 8-CT. LOAF OF BREAD**

Washington, January 11.—A one-pound loaf of bread cost the American family 8.55 cents over a three-year period recently studied by the Federal Trade Commission, with the farmer who raised the wheat receiving 1.15 cents and the baker 5.11 cents of the amount.

In a table showing the distribution of the 8.55 cents paid out by the American householder for his pound loaf, the commission disclosed the miller received the smallest share, 0.41 cents, with the grocer getting 1.28 cents, and the railroads and other handlers 0.60 cents.

With nearly half the bread now consumed in the United States produced by commercial bakeries and with three companies controlling about 20 per cent of that output, the commission found that competition was keen although price cutting wars had resulted in price fixing agreements in some cities.

Wholesale bread prices have shown a pronounced decline from the high levels of 1920, with prices following the trend of flour prices during that period, the commission found.

It further observed "abundant potential competition" in the flour milling industry, but there were frequent efforts to limit production among millers by agreements and understandings to sell at a profit as well as by exchange of information on selling prices and by other means.

The Ward, General and Continental corporations, it was established, conduct about 150 bakeries with an estimated output of almost 20 per cent of the total commercial bread production in the United States.

Profits of wholesale bakers were comparatively high in the six years from 1920 through 1925, the report stated. The rate of return on the total baking investment, as shown by the companies' books or as reported to the commission, was 14.90 per cent, and the investment, as revised by the commission to eliminate intangibles and appreciation, averaged more than 25 per cent.

**Sikeston High
School News**

By Hallie Carey

Exams are here,
Everybody's cramm'n'
And at the last minute
Preparin' for examin'!

A boy's quartette consisting of Frank Miller, Lynn Swaim, Carroll Sutton and Kemper Bruton is planning on appearing in public next Tuesday evening if it survives from exams.

A new amendment has been added to the Constitution of Sikeston High School to the effect that the portals will be shut tight and locked fast at 8:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. No admittance will be gained after said hours.

Miss Ruby Rogers was absent from school the latter part of last week on account of the death of her grandfather, J. A. Rogers, of Greenfield, Tenn., formerly a resident of Sikeston.

Miss Cornelie Randolph shopped in Charleston Tuesday afternoon.

The representative from Barnes' School of Nursing talked to the prospective nurses among the Senior class Wednesday morning.

Freshman News

Several "Freshies" were excused Tuesday afternoon to see "Ben Hur", whom they declared as a mighty fine fellow.

All "Freshies" are suffering that terrible disease called "Exams" this week and it is awfully hard to tell whether the patients of Miss Bestrove, Miss Jennings, Mrs. Veith and Mr. Granneman are going to recover.

We, the ninth grade, are proud of our little classmate, who played basketball last Friday night and helped defeat Charleston. Come on "Freshies" give five riffs for "Imo" or Imogene Albritton, if you please.

Don't forget the game Friday with Caruthersville, here.

Robert Mow, Shirley Bloomfield and A. B. Skillman are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Sue Stalleup, who has been spending several weeks in Sikeston, returned to Hot Springs, Ark., Thursday. Mrs. Stalleup will visit in Memphis, Tenn., en route to Hot Springs, to consult her oculist.

Craven Watkins is located at Magnolia, Ark., near the Louisiana line, where he is slab inspector on the Arkansas State Highway. It is the same sort of a position that he had on No. 84 below Lilbourn. His family will join him soon.

**ALVIN NICHOLSON
ACCIDENTALLY KILLED**

A repeating rifle in the hands of a lad and shooting within the corporate limits caused the death of Alvin Nicholson, 12 years of age, when he got in the range of the rifle fired by J. W. Stone, a 13-year-old boy, both of Sikeston.

Stone was shooting the rifle loaded with .22 long, when the Nicholson lad stepped from behind the post that was the target, when the bullet struck him about the left cheek bone, ranging a little up and came out at the back of his head, passing through the brain.

The lad was rushed to the Emergency Hospital for treatment, but never regained consciousness and passed away about 1:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

This should be a warning to parents to keep dangerous weapons out of the hands of young boys, and especially in the city.

**CARDS ARE STACKED
AGAINST 'THE FOX'**

Los Angeles, January 11.—One more chance to escape the noose for the kidnaping and slaying of Marian Parker was lost by William Edward Hickman late today when the juvenile court judge, Scott, dismissed a petition filed last summer making him a ward of the juvenile court.

The action definitely ended Hickman's claim that he is a minor. The 19-year-old accused youth is now eligible for trial in the superior court, where conviction for murder is punishable with death.

Hickman was taken to court at 2 p.m. under heavy guard. Few spectators were present as his appearance in juvenile court was not expected by the public. The petition dismissed today had been filed last August when Hickman was released on probation on forgery charges.

In Hickman's cell earlier today state and defense alienists slated to appear at his sanity hearing January 25 confronted each other. Dr. O. R. Shelton, hired by the defense, was with Hickman when Dr. Herman Schorr and Paul Bowers, state psychiatrists, arrived.

Dr. Shelton informed the state doctors that Hickman refused to be tested by the state psychiatrists and further that it would require three days for him to finish his examination.

Doctors Schorr and Bowers conferred with District Attorney Asa Keyes and Dr. Benjamin

SIKESTON STANDARD

C. L. BLANTON, EDITOR

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This is one time The Standard editor won both of his bets!

We can now tell why the Commission Form of Government failed to pass. It lacked a majority vote.

The activity displayed by many of our partisan Republicans was another thing that made some vote the way they did. It looked as though they wanted the pie and not for the good of the city.

There is some talk of taking action against one of the election judges in the special election of Tuesday for electioneering in the voting room and marking the ballots of five negro men the opposite from what they wanted to vote.

Fred Groves was down from the Cape Wednesday driving one of the new Fords. While here with it last week, the Standard editor had the pleasure of a ride in the new product and was agreeably surprised at the easy riding of the car. It sped along at a 55-mile gait and had no jar, tremble or shake to it. It looks good to the eye, too.

The nerviest proposition that has hit The Standard office for a long time was a man claiming to be a printer, who blew into the office Wednesday morning and asked for a donation to help him get to Cairo. He was driving a car and had a woman, his wife, he said, with him. The Standard editor has no car and we'll be blamed if we contribute the price to joy riders.

One of our largest farmers suggested to the editor that he state that Sikeston is yet a country town and should not attempt city ways until the farmer gets back on his feet, that the farmer is anxious to see Sikeston grow and will do his part when a turn for the better comes. This is good suggestion and worthy of consideration. Without money we cannot grow, and the farmer has to furnish Sikeston with the money. Here's hoping 1928 will be the turning point for the better.

The blow that almost killed father fell Tuesday with a sickening thud. It was so close that the visitors have no room to crow. It was evident that the voters wanted a change of some sort. Some thought for better, some thought for worse. With this idea in view, the members of the present form of government should seek a way to regain the confidence of all by trying to revise some of the ordinances that would permit of consolidating some of the offices, making minimum \$5, to permit the employment of a city manager, and to lay out a program of some sort that would be helpful to the entire city. To be sure it would cost, perhaps, \$2500 to get a capable man for the job, but it would be his duty to look after the interests of the city, give his entire attention to same, and maybe save enough of the city's money to more than pay his salary. We believe such a man is F. L. Pittman, former mayor of Union City, Tenn., former president of the Sikeston Lions Club. There should be no ill feeling caused by the campaign just closed as there were just as many good citizens working for one side of the question as was working for the other side. It is a better city that all are after and one that will advance just as fast as the finances will permit.

Since the above was put in type we are informed that it would be necessary to change the present form of city government in order to employ a city manager, and that the statutes of the State of Missouri provide for the elective officers now in office in cities of this class.

The rabid talk that has been indulged in by a few around Sikeston as to a supposed shortage in city finances and who got the money, should be curbed or they forced to prove the charges. The grand jury will find or refuse to return an indictment at their adjourned term during January, against somebody, or a warrant will be sworn out that will cause an investigation of the entire matter, and the blame placed where it rightfully belongs. There is a shortage without a doubt and The Standard is familiar with most of the details, but hesitates to publish same until some legal action has been taken, as we do not wish to prejudice the case one way or the other. A libel case would be justified against some of those doing the talking.

The Standard notes with regret that the Japanese Tea Room has been forced into bankruptcy. It was a much needed place and was run on a high plane. Happy has labored hard to make it a going concern, but slack times and abnormal expenses force him to take this step.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Matthews of Portageville returned home Wednesday afternoon, after a visit with their son, Emory Matthews and family.

Mrs. J. M. Klein, Mrs. Betty Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Barney Forrester visited Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hunter of Cape Girardeau, Wednesday afternoon.

One reason murderers are rarely rung in America is that juries often are—Virginia-Pilot.

Mistletoe, briefly a glorious opportunity, is once again a mere parasite.—Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger.

Americans haven't anything like a bul ring, unless you count the one candidates throw their hats in.—San Jose News.

The world is so full of a number of things, I am sure we should all be as happy as kings", was written some time before the world got full of dictators.—Arkansas Gazette.

This is the season when no man should be criticized for the necktie he wears.—Indianapolis Star.

A king still has it soft in many ways. Michael of Roumania gets a lump of sugar after taking his cough medicine.—Detroit News.

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Send your cleaning to Pitman's Tailor Shop. Phone 745.

As the owner of most of the gold in the world, America cordially welcomes Italy back to the gold standard.—Springfield Republican.

In this wet-and-dry conflict, there's something about a politician on the fence that reminds you of a refugee.—Publishers Syndicate.

It wasn't the development of more deadly weapons that abolished dueling; it was the development of common sense.—New Britain Herald.

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IN NEW QUARTERS

The Boyer Auto Service have moved their office and accessories into the new Keith Building and are now ready to welcome all visitors. This room is well lighted and the dimensions permits of the splendid display of the lines handled by the Boyer Service Co.

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The quarters formerly occupied by the Boyer Service Co. will be used as a machine shop and repair shop. The machine shop has been moved to the front of the building, and from the looks of the equipment, no job will be too large.

Boyer has built up an enviable business in Sikeston and has done so by giving honest service to the public. He will take pride in showing you through.

OPPOSES DIVERSION
OF STATE GAME FUNDS

Perryville, Mo., January 11.—The Perry County Fish and Game Protective Association, a local organization with aims similar to those of the Izaak Walton League, Monday adopted a resolution protesting against the diversion of funds of the State Game and Fish Department to projects foreign to the intended activities of that department.

Specifically, the resolution remonstrates against the use of funds of the department for the removal of the house in which Mark Twain was born from Florida, Mo., to Mark Twain Memorial Park at Hannibal.

The organization indorsed a movement now under way in Cape Girardeau County, whereby a game sanctuary and public shooting ground, which is to be established in this district, would be located in Cape Girardeau County.

William End was elected president of the association. Emmanuel Hoffetter was chosen vice president, and John Boxdorfer, secretary-treasurer.

These men hold similar positions in the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

The Perry County Fish and Game Protective Association was organized last spring, when it became apparent that large numbers of fish, which had followed the Mississippi flood waters into the lowlands north of here, would perish unless an organized effort was made to rescue them.

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Charles T. Gardner, who has been making a holiday visit to his father, T. W. Gardner, has returned to Chillicothe to continue his studies in the Chillicothe Business College.

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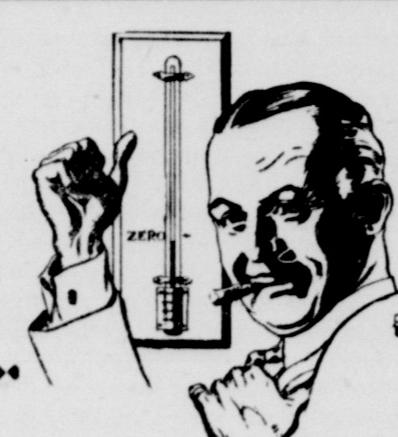
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Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Administratrix of the estate of Levi Pouty, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be held at Benton in said county, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1928.

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BAKER BEGINS ON NEW SOLUTION OF ROAD BOND ROW

Jefferson City, January 10.—A new effort to affect a compromise between the State Highway Commission and the Automobile Club of Missouri over the amount and details of the new State road bond issue to be submitted to the voters next November, was undertaken today at the instance of Gov. Baker and with the co-operation of the commission and the club.

The controversy is to be taken from these two bodies and lodged with a special committee of six being chosen by the Governor and to be headed by him. It will meet at the Governor's office as soon as possible and draft a bond proposal, which the commission and club will be asked to support.

The Highway Commission late this afternoon after making public a formal resolution approving the plan outlined by the Governor, to which the commission previously had agreed in a conference with the Governor early today. The commission gave assurance it would support the plan adopted by the new committee.

Baker's action brought a halt, for the present at least to nearly four weeks of disagreement over the proposed additional State road bond issue and reopened the way to a compromise when negotiations apparently had reached a deadlock.

Details of the Governor's conference with the commissioners this morning were not disclosed, but it is known that the Governor informed the commission in no uncertain terms that he wanted it to get together on a bond proposal that all factions could support.

The commission had planned to proceed at once with its \$60,000,000 proposal after failure of negotiations with the Automobile Club, but the \$60,000,000 plan went into the discard with the Governor's action. The commission once more is in line for a compromise.

Gov. Baker said he would not announce the appointment of the new committee for a day or two. Baker will be chairman and C. D. Matthews, chairman of the commission, will represent that body, John Malang, director of the Good Roads Bureau of the Automobile Club, probably will represent the club, as his selection was suggested to Baker by Roy A. Britton, president of the club. The other three members will be chosen by Baker from different sections of the State.

Adoption of this plan in effect will wipe out all of the negotiations so far and the new committee will start a new, with the benefit, however, of all of the data that has been worked out in support of the opposing plans of the commission and Automobile Club.

A conference of good roads supporters called for today by Probate Judge Sam D. Hodgson of Clayton, president of the Ozark Trails Association, to urge steps toward a compromise was held in the Senate chamber, but its purpose had been accomplished before the conference began, thru the executive session in the Governor's office.

A brief meeting was held by the representatives of county courts, chambers of commerce and others, and a resolution was adopted urging a \$90,000,000 bond issue, of which \$30,000,000 was to be set aside for farm to market roads. Approval also was given to the Governor's plan for a new compromise committee.

Several speakers in the conference

urged adoption of the original \$120,000,000 proposal of the Automobile Club, but indicated their willingness to support a smaller amount if it would complete the present system and provide farm to market roads.

Members of the commission, in a conference with Gov. Baker this morning, agreed to his compromise plan and bound themselves to abide by the committee's findings. Later, the commission officially voted in ratification of this.

Thereupon the Governor telephoned to Roy F. Britton, president of the Automobile Club, in St. Louis. Britton told him that he could not bind the club because its board of governors last week had fixed minimum requirements for any bond proposal they would support, but that the club would be glad to be represented on the committee and hoped in this way to obtain an acceptable arrangement.

Britton explained that if the committee proposal did not meet the minimum requirements laid down by the club governors the club would not accept the compromise, unless the governors changed their stand.

After the failure last Thursday of an effort at compromise between the club and the commission, at a meeting in St. Louis, the commission announced it would cause to be submitted a \$60,000,000 bond proposal, without prohibition of any possible future increase of the gasoline tax and motor license fees.

The club originally advocated a \$120,000,000 issue and permanent prohibition of such increases. Last Thursday its governors set these minimum requirements: A \$60,000,000 issue, plus authority for an additional \$40,000,000 for farm-to-market roads if revenue justified, and prohibition of tax and fee increases for a reasonable period, preferably fifteen years; also agreement to spend \$12,000,000 of the money widening highway into St. Louis and Kansas City.

Gov. Baker has talked with Chairman Matthews about a 10-year limitation against tax and fee increases. The commission last Thursday offered to agree to a six-year limitation and a maximum issue of \$75,000,000.

The commission and club also have had a lesser difference over the method of distributing farm-to-market road money among the counties.

Since both the commission and the club have yielded on some points, it has been the Governor's feeling that both could be induced to make further concessions in order to reach an agreement and assure unified support for the bond proposal. The club had decided to let the commission go it alone on the \$60,000,000 proposition.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to the many loving friends who assisted us so much during the sickness and death of our little daughter, also to the ones who sent the beautiful floral offerings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Terry.

Kansas City—Rubber Products, Inc., to operate plant in building at Montgall and Nicholson Avenues.

Miss Beatrice Moore of Tupelo, Miss., and Curtis Bryant of this city, were married by the Methodist pastor at the home of G. W. Moore, Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. They will make their home in Osceola, Ark., where Mr. Bryant is manager of a store.

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**THE BATTLE OF NEW ORLEANS AS SEEN
AND DESCRIBED BY GENERAL JACKSON**

Gen. Andrew Jackson, hero of the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812, gave the following description of that great American victory in a letter to James Monroe, subsequently President of the United States, says the National Republic:

"The battle commenced at a very little before 7 a.m., January 8, 1815, and as far as the infantry was concerned it was over by 9 a.m. My force was very much mixed. I had portions of the 7th and 44th regular infantry regiments, Kentucky and Tennessee riflemen, creoles, United States marines and sailors, Baratarian men—one of them, Capt. Dominique You, commanded part of my artillery (and a famous gunner he was), and two battalions of free negroes. I had in the action about 6000 men. The British strength was almost the same as mine, but vastly superior in drill and discipline. Of their my riflemen killed and wounded 2117 in less than an hour, including two general officers (both died on the field, each a division commander), seven full colonels, with seventy-five line and staff officers. I lost six killed and seven wounded.

"As to tactics, there were very little in use on either side. We had some works of earth fronting the river, but the Kentucky and Tennessee riflemen, who sustained the main attack, had protected themselves by a work about two and a half feet high, made of logs placed two feet apart, and the space between filled in with earth. This work began at the Mississippi River, and ended in the swamp, being at a right angle with the river.

"Thinking this the weakest portion of our line, and seeing ununiformed men behind the trifling defenses, General Pakenham thought it the best

thing to begin his attack by carrying

this part of my line with the bayonet. On the third of January I had ordered that each rifleman's powder horn be filled, and enough lead for 100 bullets be issued, besides good material for bullet patching. Coffee reported to me on the 7th that this order had been obeyed, and every man had cleaned up his rifle and put a new fint into the hammer; so we were as ready as could be for the attack.

"There was a very heavy fog on the river that morning, and the British had formed and were moving before I knew it. The disposition of the riflemen was very simple. They were told off in numbers one and two. Number one was to fire first, then step back, let number two fire while he reloaded. About 600 yards from the riflemen there was a great drainage canal running back from the Mississippi River to the swamp in the rear of the tilled land on which we were operating. Along this canal the British formed, under the fire of the few artillery pieces I had near enough to them to get their range. But the instant I saw them I said to Coffee, whom I directed to hurry to his line, which was to be first attacked: 'By—, we have got them; they are ours!' Coffee dashed forward, and riding along his line, called out, 'Don't shoot until you can see their belt buckles'. The British were formed in mass, well closed up, and about two companies front.

"The British, thus formed, moved on at a quick step, without firing a shot, to within 100 yards of the kneeling riflemen, who were holding their fire till they could see the belt buckles of their enemies. The British advance was executed as though they had been on parade. They marched

time they were led by General Pakenham in person, gallantly mounted, and riding as though he was on parade. Just before he got within range of Coffee's line I heard a single rifle shot from a group of country carts we had been using, about 175 yards distant, and a moment thereafter I saw Pakenham reel and pitch out of his saddle. I have always believed he fell from the bullet of a free man of color, who was a famous rifle shot and came from the Arkansas region of Louisiana. The second advance was precisely like the first in its ending. In five volleys the 1500 or more riflemen killed and wounded 2117 British soldiers, two-thirds of them killed, dead or mortally wounded. I did not know where General Pakenham was lying, or I should have sent to him, or gone in person, to offer any service in my power to render.

"I was told he lived two hours after he was hit. General Keene, I hear, was killed dead. They sent a flag to me asking leave to gather up their wounded and bury their dead, which, of course, I granted. I was told by a wounded officer that the rank and file absolutely refused to make a third charge. 'We have no chance with such shooting as these Americans do,' they said"—K. C. Star.

**FLOYD RICHARD FERGUSON
DIED LAST WEEK**

Floyd Richard Ferguson died at his home near Noland last Friday. He was born November 11, 1897, died on January 6, 1928, age 30 years, one month and 25 days. After a brief illness of about 60 days, having made a manifestation of being "Prepared to meet his Saviour in peace".

Mr. Ferguson leaves a loving wife and two small children, his parents, one brother and three sisters, Mrs. Alice Chapman of Mt. Erie, Ill., Mrs. Nettie Spiller of Shattuck, Ill., and Mrs. Flora Shires, wife of the Rev. Shires, who is known by many people through this section of the country.

The mother, brother and sisters and a brother law of Mr. Ferguson, who all live at Gideon and M. G. Jno. Pyland were all present at the funeral.

Interment was made at the Matthews cemetery, services being conducted at the home by Rev. R. E. Carpenter, pastor of the Methodist church of Matthews, at 10 o'clock Saturday.

Mr. Ferguson was born and reared in Missouri. He was a good man and always made friends wherever he lived. It was not only the relatives that feel the loss of a long-time friend and neighbor and citizen. But while we must give the mup in our loss of those we love is Heaven's gain.

**J. KELLY WRIGHT WANTS
TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR**

Columbia, January 9.—J. Kelly Wright of Columbia, a former lecturer for the State Board of Agriculture, announced today that he is considering becoming a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Wright is now field secretary for Christian College, a women's junior college here.

He said today he had traveled 300,000 miles in Missouri in his eleven years of service with the Board of Agriculture. He is a graduate of the Missouri College of Agriculture.

Thomas Julian and wife of Gray Ridge were here during the week to visit the family of their son, John J. Julian. Mr. Julian and his wife celebrated their 52d anniversary Monday of this week. Both are hale and hearty and give promise to live to celebrate many more anniversaries.

**EPOCHAL WAR FILM
SHOWN HERE SOON**

"The World War", a motion picture utilizing a great portion of the world as a set, with entire nations playing minor parts and with eleven-tenths of the world's population in the cast, will have its appearance at the Malone Theatre next Wednesday.

This unusual picture, which is being shown in this city under the auspices of Henry Meldrum Post of the American Legion, has been described as "at once the most thrilling and authentic history of the World War that has ever been told in pictures".

The story of this picture's creation, the lives lost in "shooting" its scenes, the months of delving into the archives of the governments of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia and Germany to obtain official data and pictures, the years devoted to its careful preparation, and the official seals of the United States Navy and Army Departments stamped on the film (the first time in the history of motion pictures that those great seals have appeared on films), all these unusual elements in this picture's preparation make it what it is—"the first big historical motion picture of the World War".

In action covers the greatest drama in the history of the world over a period of four years. Therein lies the remarkable feature of this unusual picture; it has successfully brought to the screen in comprehensive and graphic form, the most gigantic war in the history of the world. This has been done by careful compilation of scenes that are revealing, impressive and authentic.

War in all its phases is seen in this film. There are no picked scenes. The lumbering tanks, the murderous machine guns sweeping No-Man's Land, the poisonous gas, the smoke screens, the depth bombs, sinking of ships by submarines, the flare of star shells, the recoil of gigantic guns gouging the earth in angry protest, the wire entanglements, the falling planes, the falling men—all the elements of war are seen in this great picture.

"The title of the picture, 'The World War', is no misnomer", one critic said. "It is just that. When you have seen it you will know."

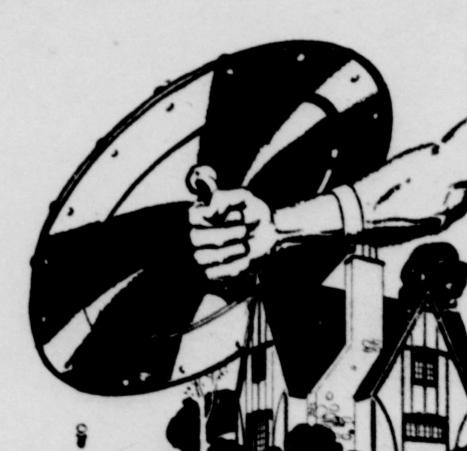
AFTER-MATH

Minnie Sayers Smith
We are removing the Christmas tree,
And placing it to one side.
There'll be no height of festivity,
Night and day our joy and pride.
Eroneous idea, thinking
All else swept away, which it brings,
While Christmas candles are blinking,
Springs new hope, 'tis then the heart sings.

So we find, all along life's pathway
Some pleasures mingle life's span,
Clearing the gloom of a lonely day,
Assisting in some great plan.
Let's pick up the threads and the tatters,
Grasp firmly our courage anew,
REMEMBERING, nothing else matters,
But the thing which we think, say and do.

So then in the scramble and effort,
To keep right what we think and we say,
Let's not withhold an ounce of support,
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Civil Record, Circuit Court, Scott County, Missouri, November 21st, 1927, 6th day of November, 1927 term. The State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of Emil Steck, Collector, Plaintiff.

VS.

John Little, Leah Little, John J. Hunter, T. J. Stanley, Rutha Jane Stanley, E. A. Dye, Trustee, Martin V. Harris, L. C. Leslie, Trustee, T. L. Anderson, Farmers & Merchants Bank of Kelso, Missouri, a corp., by S. L. Cantley, Finance Commissioner of the State of Missouri, and First National Bank of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Defendants.

No. 3627

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that herefore and on the 24th day of October, 1927, plaintiff filed his petition herein and that on the 24th day of October, 1927, summons were issued herein to the defendants John Little, Leah Little, John J. Hunter, T. J. Stanley, Rutha Jane Stanley, E. A. Dye, Trustee, Martin V. Harris, L. C. Leslie, Trustee, T. L. Anderson, Farmers & Merchants Bank of Kelso, Missouri, a corp., by S. L. Cantley, Finance Commissioner of the State of Missouri, and First National Bank of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Defendants.

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Civil Record, Circuit Court, Scott County, Missouri, November 21st, 1927, 6th day of November, 1927 term. The State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of Emil Steck, Collector, Plaintiff.

VS.

Katie Engle, Defendant
No. 3614

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that herefore and on the 15th day of October, 1927, Plaintiff filed his petition herein, and that on the 15th day of October, 1927, a summons was issued herein to the defendant Katie Engle, and was delivered to the Sheriff of Scott County, returnable to this term of this court; and it appearing to the court that herefore and on the first day of the present term of this court, the sheriff made return of said summons; that the defendants T. J. Stanley, Rutha Jane Stanley and Martin V. Harris cannot be found; and the court being satisfied that service of summons cannot be had herein on the said defendants, it is, therefore, ordered by the court that the defendants be notified by publication that the plaintiff has commenced an action against them, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of State and County Taxes for the years 1922, 1923 and 1924 against the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots Numbered Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) in Block Number Fifteen (15) of the Town of Morley, Scott County, Missouri.

And that unless the defendants be and appear at the next term of this court to be begun and helden at the Court House in the town of Benton, Missouri, in said county, on the 12th day of March, 1928, and answer or plead to the petition in said cause, or before the first day of the said term, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered by the court that a copy hereof be published in The Sikeston Standard, a weekly newspaper printed and published in the town of Sikeston, in the County of Scott, and State of Missouri, at least once a week for four successive weeks, the last publication to be at least fifteen days before the first day of the March, 1928, term of this court.

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Civil Record, Circuit Court, Scott County, Missouri, November 21st, 1927, 6th day of November, 1927 term. The State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of Emil Steck, Collector, Plaintiff.

VS.

B. Haven Sneary, Defendant
No. 3585

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that herefore and on the 15th day of October, 1927, Plaintiff filed his petition herein, and that on the 15th day of October, 1927, a summons was issued herein to the defendant B. Haven Sneary, and was delivered to the Sheriff of Scott County, returnable to this term of this court; and it appearing to the court that herefore and on the first day of the present term of this court, the sheriff made return of said summons; that the defendants H. S. Hulen, Ed. L. Miller, W. R. Vowells, Jas. McPheeters, Trustee, Rice-Stix Dry Goods Company, a corporation, Defendants.

No. 3617

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that herefore and on the 15th day of October, 1927, Plaintiff filed his petition herein, and that on the 15th day of October, 1927, a summons was issued herein to the defendant Katie Engle, and was delivered to the Sheriff of Scott County, returnable to this term of this court; and it appearing to the court that herefore and on the first day of the present term of this court, the sheriff made return of said summons; that the defendants T. J. Stanley, Rutha Jane Stanley and Martin V. Harris cannot be found; and the court being satisfied that service of summons cannot be had herein on the said defendants, it is, therefore, ordered by the court that the defendants be notified by publication that the plaintiff has commenced an action against them, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of State and County Taxes for the years 1922, 1923 and 1924 against the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots Numbered Two (2) in Block Number Eight (8) of the Original town (now city) of Chaffee, Scott County, Missouri.

And that unless the defendant be and appear at the next term of this court to be begun and helden at the Court House in the town of Benton, Missouri, in said county, on the 12th day of March, 1928, and answer or plead to the petition in said cause, or before the first day of the said term, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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VS.

M. E. Todd, if living, Nora Todd, O. L. Spencer, Trustee, R. L. Buck and the unknown heirs, consorts, devisees, donees, alienees, mesne, remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of Martin E. Todd, if dead, Defendants,

No. 3587

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that herefore and on the 13th day of October, 1927, plaintiff filed his petition herein, and that on the 13th day of October, 1927, a summons was issued herein to the defendants M. E. Todd, if living, Nora Todd, O. L. Spencer, Trustee, R. L. Buck and the unknown heirs, consorts, devisees, donees, alienees or immediate, mesne, remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of Martin E. Todd, if dead, cannot be found; and the court being satisfied that service of summons cannot be had herein on the said defendants, it is, therefore, ordered by the court that the defendants be notified by publication that the plaintiff has commenced an action against them, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of State and County Taxes for the years 1922, 1923 and 1924 against the following described real estate, to-wit:

John Little, Leah J. Little, L. C. Leslie, Trustee, T. L. Anderson, Wm. LeGrand, Trustee, Farmers & Merchants Bank, a Corporation, of Kelso, Missouri, by S. L. Cantley, Finance Commissioner of the State of Missouri, First National Bank of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Defendants.

No. 3595

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that herefore and on the 13th day of October, 1927, plaintiff filed his petition herein, and summons was issued herein on the 13th day of October, 1927, to the defendants Samuel W. Walker and Mrs. Samuel W. Walker, and was delivered to the Sheriff of Scott County, returnable to this term of this court; and it appearing to the court that herefore and on the first day of the present term of this court, the sheriff made return of said summons; that the defendants Samuel W. Walker and Mrs. Samuel W. Walker, cannot be found; and the court being satisfied that service of summons cannot be had herein on the said defendants, it is, therefore, ordered by the court that the defendants be notified by publication that the plaintiff has commenced an action against them, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of State and County Taxes for the years 1922, 1923 and 1924 against the following described real estate, to-wit:

The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and 2.00 acres in the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Northwest Quarter of the South-

east Quarter of said Section, thence West on the North line of said quarter quarter Section 4,472 chains to a point, thence South 4,472 chains to a point, thence East 4,472 chains to East line of said quarter quarter section, thence North 4,472 chains on said line, to point of beginning.

All of the above being in Section Number Twenty-eight (28) Township Number Twenty-eight (28), North, of Range Number Thirteen (13) East of the Fifth (5th) Principal Meridian.

And that unless the defendants be and appear at the next term of this court to be begun and helden at the Court House in the town of Benton, Missouri, in said county, on the 12th day of March, 1928, and answer or plead to the petition in said cause, or before the first day of the said term, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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VS.

H. S. Hulen, Ed. L. Miller, W. R. Vowells, Flora Vowells, Jas. McPheeters, Trustee, Rice-Stix Dry Goods Company, a corporation, Defendants.

No. 3617

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that herefore and on the 15th day of October, 1927, Plaintiff filed his petition herein, and that on the 15th day of October, 1927, a summons was issued herein to the defendant H. S. Hulen, Ed. L. Miller, W. R. Vowells, Flora Vowells, Jas. McPheeters, Trustee, Rice-Stix Dry Goods Company, a corporation, Defendants.

No. 3617

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that herefore and on the 15th day of October, 1927, Plaintiff filed his petition herein, and that on the 15th day of October, 1927, a summons was issued herein to the defendant B. Haven Sneary, and was delivered to the Sheriff of Scott County, returnable to this term of this court; and it appearing to the court that herefore and on the first day of the present term of this court, the sheriff made return of said summons; that the defendants H. S. Hulen, Ed. L. Miller, W. R. Vowells, Flora Vowells cannot be found; and the court being satisfied that service of summons cannot be had herein on the said defendant, it is, therefore, ordered by the court that the defendant be notified by publication that the plaintiff has commenced an action against them, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of State and County Taxes for the years 1922 and 1923 against the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots Numbered One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Seven (5), Eight (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Block Number Two (2) of Joyce's First (1st) Addition to the town of Vanduser, Scott County, Missouri.

And that unless the defendants be and appear at the next term of this court to be begun and helden at the Court House in the town of Benton, Missouri, in said county, on the 12th day of March, 1928, and answer or plead to the petition in said cause, or before the first day of the said term, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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VS.

B. Haven Sneary, Defendant
No. 3585

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

It appearing to the Court that herefore and on the 15th day of October, 1927, Plaintiff filed his petition herein, and that on the 15th day of October, 1927, a summons was issued herein to the defendant B. Haven Sneary, and was delivered to the Sheriff of Scott County, returnable to this term of this court; and it appearing to the court that herefore and on the first day of the present term of this court, the sheriff made return of said summons; that the defendants H. S. Hulen, Ed. L. Miller, W. R. Vowells, Flora Vowells cannot be found; and the court being satisfied that service of summons cannot be had herein on the said defendant, it is, therefore, ordered by the court that the defendant be notified by publication that the plaintiff has commenced an action against them, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of State and County Taxes for the years 1922 and 1923 against the following described real estate, to-wit:

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YORKE DAVIS

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I suppose some people would call that a coincidence."

"Some connection, you mean, between the woman Will Harvey testified he saw and the one we saw lying there in the hospital?"

"Morgan lived in New Zealand, didn't he? And Ashton says he had maps, vast numbers of maps of the southern Pacific—large scale maps of the groups of islands that are scattered all through it. It's fair to suppose, then, that he had some reason for interest in those far-off South Seas."

"The girl!" I exclaimed. "The girl in the hospital!—Did you mean that she comes from that part of the world? From one of those islands in the South seas?"

"The mark on her arm is enough to prove that," he answered.

He paused there, but I knew that was not all.

"That queer mumbled song of hers?" I hazarded.

He took another turn across the room before he answered that question. "Yes, I understand it," he said at last. "That song, as you call it, was an old Maori death chant."

Doctor McAllister had resumed his thoughtful patrol of the room. "Of course," he said half under his breath, "it may be a coincidence, just that and nothing more."

"No," said I. "No, I can't believe that. There must be some stronger connection than mere chance, between the murdered body of that man in the house out at Oak Ridge and the death chant of that girl at whose bedside we stood tonight. It must be more than chance."

But my chief turned upon me sharply. "Don't make the mistake of thinking that," he said. "There is no greater source of error in the world than the belief that unlikely things can't happen. They happen every day, coincidences, against which the chances are a thousand to one. Still," he paused in his stride and plowed his hands through his thick gray hair—"still, to put it conservatively, it's vastly more likely than not that there is a connection; that this girl has some place in that unknown past of his, which he thought he had sponged out so completely."

"Well," said I, "if she was any place at all, isn't it altogether likely that she is the person who committed the murder? And if that's so—well, what are we going to do about it? Tell Ashton?"

He wheeled round at that and smote a near-by door panel with his great fist. "No, by thunder, no! Not that. Not, at least, until we've solved this mystery for ourselves; until we are sure we understand it. And I mean by that," he went on, looking at me fixedly, "I mean a good deal more than merely proving she was the woman whom Will Harvey swore he saw in silhouette upon the shade; until we've proved more than that it was her hands that pulled taut the catgut string around the old man's neck."

"What more than that," I asked steadily, "can you hope to prove, or want to prove?"

"This," he said, stopping before me and looking straight into my face; "this. That it was her will which directed the hands, and not her soul that was responsible for the crime."

"You mean," I gasped with sudden half-perception of his meaning, "that there may be another will concerned in the business?"

"Exactly that," he answered. "I mean that judging from that girl's condition tonight, it may very well be

that the real murderer of that old man was no nearer to his home in Oak Ridge the night the murder was committed than we are now."

CHAPTER III

The next day Doctor McAllister and I each packed a handbag with enough to keep us going for two or three days, and about noon set out for Oak Ridge. The weather had been fine and rather mild for November, but shortly after our return from the hospital the night before, the wind had whipped round into the north. By morning it had developed into a lusty gale, which drove the fine stinging rain and sleet slantwise, down from a leaden sky. By the time we were ready to start, the rain was already turning to snow.

We rode in the half-filled smoking car, and hardly exchanged a word, until after we had pulled out from a tiny suburban station and the brakeman, opening the door amid a hall of cinders, had cried out: "Oak Ridge next." Then Doctor McAllister, who sat facing me, leaned forward.

"Our friend Ashton has a considerable power of vivid description," he said. "Unless I'm altogether mistaken,

the young man who is setting three seats behind you, on the other side of the aisle, is the witness of whom he told us yesterday. I felt tolerably sure of it when my eye first lighted on him. He's going to get off at Oak Ridge, and I think that settles it. One small town could hardly boast another like him."

"How do you know he's going to get off at Oak Ridge?" I asked.

"He straightened up a little in his seat and began to readjust his necktie when the brakeman called the name of the town."

When I had made a pretext for changing over and sitting with the doctor, I quite agreed with his identification. There, to the life, was the young man whom Ashton had described to us. I thought I could see traces upon him of the grilling to which Ashton must have subjected him this morning. His eyes were sulken, his color unstable and his hands fidgety. I was half-inclined to think there might be something in the theory of Mallory, the detective, after all.

Evidently Doctor McAllister had no share in this idea, for he lost interest in the young man the moment he was satisfied his identification of him had been correct. When the train stopped at Oak Ridge and we followed William Harvey out of the car, the doctor did not cast a single glance after his retreating figure.

By rare good fortune we found an auto pulled up beside the station platform waiting for the train, a flapping, dilapidated, mud-stained, ramshackle affair, with a driver to match.

After a moment or two of canny bargaining on the doctor's part, we found ourselves jolting along over a frozen, rutty road toward our destination.

"There's the house," said the driver at last. "But you're pretty late for the funeral, if that's what you've come for. It must be about over by this time."

Neither of us had thought of the funeral, and the sight of a hearse and a single car, waiting there in the wind-swept road, gave us, with our errand, a rather disagreeable sense of incongruity. That feeling was heightened when, leaving our bags in the hall, we were shown by the undertaker into a large, dim front parlor.

Here we saw death in its most conventional form. A little group of people sitting in rows in little folding chairs, a minister reading the service, a quartette from the village choir ready to sing another hymn when he should have done.

When, at the end of the service, the customary opportunity was offered for a last look at the body which lay there in its black casket, my companion rose and, nodding to me to follow him, took his place in the little procession that was filing round the coffin.

I could not do it; that act, somehow, seemed to put the crowning touch upon our intrusion.

"Oh, I know how you felt about it," said my chief when the service was over, the people gone and we were left alone in the old house—alone, that is, with the addition of Mallory. "I'm glad I haven't to go through it again, though I'm glad I did, even at some violence to what they call our better instincts. I wouldn't have missed my look into that face for a good deal."

"You didn't recognize?" I cried. "It isn't anyone you knew, long ago, out there in New Zealand!"

"Not individually," said the doctor with a smile at my sudden excitement, at the sudden recession of those "better instincts" of mine. "Not individually, though that I might have been well within the possibilities. But he belongs to a type that I knew all too well. Did it ever occur to you to wonder why it is that full gray beards and spectacles are always regarded as infallible indications of benevolent respectability? But there's a scar beneath that gray beard that was not come by in any peaceful occupation; and even without it, the whole construction of the skull and jaw, the facial angle, the shape of the ears, all proclaim him a rough customer—the sort of man who might well have a past that he was vainly trying to escape from. No, upon the whole, I am glad that Ashton left us free to work out this problem without holding us responsible to him for our results."

Our conversation was interrupted there by the appearance of Mallory at the doctor's elbow. It was rather amusing to watch his face as he read the note from Ashton that the doctor

had handed him. It was easy to see, from his suppressed smile of contemptuous amusement, that the district attorney had represented us as a couple of harmless cranks who might safely be permitted to amuse themselves upon the scene of crime as they chose.

"All right," he said, folding up the note and thrusting it into his pocket. "Make yourselves at home. Do you plan to spend the night here?"

"Two or three nights, perhaps," said the doctor. "We want to do a little looking about."

"Well," said Mallory, with jocular sarcasm, "if you find the secret of the old man's past, or meet up with that mysterious woman that one of the witnesses testified about at the inquest, why, let me know."

"You mean to spend the night here yourself, don't you?" I asked.

"Well, part of it, perhaps. I've got some looking about to do. But you needn't mind me. I've got a key and can let myself in at any time."

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murder took place, the study on the third floor. Across one end of the room ran a rude set of homemade shelves occupied, perhaps, by two or three hundred nondescript volumes. A very large, much littered desk stood in the middle of the larger part of the room, while in the alcove was a high deal table of the sort used by dragoons. A stool stood before it, and a swivel chair in front of the desk.

In one of the numerous corners of the room was an immense hamper, which seemed to have served the purpose of a waste-paper basket. The detectives had evidently examined the contents of it in their search for a clue to the murdered man's identity, but had not thought the contents worth preserving. There was a litter of small scraps about it, and that was all. A rusty oil stove completed the tale of the furniture.

And then there were his maps. They were curiously disposed for a man who made a habit of geography. They lay about the floor in great rolls. The one or two I looked at, after my preliminary glance about the apartment, were of recent date and bore the stamp of the British board of trade. I was holding one of them out in my hands and poring over it, wondering

whether it was the right map for my inspection.

"He tore up his maps," was his comment. "He tore up his maps. This is part of one. There's a fact which might well have struck previous investigators as curious, but apparently did not. If he tore them up, it was because he was through with them. And if he could get through with them so that he could be sure he wouldn't want them any more, it was because they were meant to serve him some single, definite purpose. When they had so served it, or had failed to serve it, then he destroyed them to get them out of the way. That's logical, isn't it?"

"Absolutely, so far as I can see."

Presently he carried another scrap over to the drafting table, scrutinized its bare surface rather minutely, and then offered this second morsel of paper for my inspection.

"Well, that's one thing he did with his maps. He pinned them down on this table of his with thumb-tacks."

He pulled open a little drawer in the table, took out first some pencils, rulers and compasses, and finally a rectangular contrivance made of wooden rods, with flexible joints at the corners.

"Do you know what this is?" he asked. For a wonder I did, and he did not. That was a situation which arose but rarely.

"It's a pantograph," said I. "It's used for copying on an enlarged or reduced scale. You can set the scale to anything you like."

"That's what it means, then," said the doctor, turning away from the table, with a nod of satisfaction. "He spread his maps out here, and when they weren't on a large enough scale to suit him, he drew them up bigger, and then tore them up. No, that won't do. There's some intervening process. He needed those charts on a larger scale than he could get, and he enlarged them until they suited that unknown purpose of his. But of that purpose itself, we've found no trace. We may never find a trace, but if he's left a clew to it anywhere, I think we may hope to find it.

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rather idly, what possible interest this group of tiny coral reefs could have had for a man who lived in Henry Morgan had lived, here in this village of Oak Ridge, when a sharp exclamation from Doctor McAllister drew my attention away from it.

He was standing close beside a big green-shaded lamp and bending over something which he had just taken from the top drawer of the desk. I shivered a little when I saw what it was, saw that it was a violin string.

The expression of the doctor's face, as he turned toward me, betrayed both indignation and excitement. "The prosecution of crime still goes on the basis that telling the truth is an easy thing to do; that a man does tell the truth, unless he means to lie. The man who came up here and found the body of Henry Morgan testified that he had been strangled by a noose. They thought it was true, because strangulation by a noose is the only kind they ever heard of. But look at this."

He held it out to me, and, my repugnance forgotten, I took it in hand. Instead of one knot, the string contained two, one near the end, the other about fifteen inches away. They were tied just alike, and were knots of the fixed-loop variety, very like a bowline. "If there were only a knot at the end," said the doctor, "the rest of the string could have been drawn through it to form a noose; but, of course, with this second knot of equal size that becomes impossible. The man was strangled, not by a noose at all, but by a tourniquet—a little stick—a lead pencil perhaps—run through the two loops and twisted.

"Look here!" he cried the next moment, with rising excitement. "Here's the rest of the instrument."

He held out for my inspection a long straight-stemmed briar pipe, and I was able to see, just at the base of the bowl, a shiny, circular indentation. The ghastly clearness of the demonstration of the murderer's method sickened me a little, and I dropped the pipe rather quickly.

My chief was pacing up and down the room, talking to himself. "I never believed in that noose—not really believed in it."

"You are undoubtedly right about it," said I, "but is the discovery important? Does it make any real difference?"

"That depends on the point of view," said he. "To the late Henry Morgan, I suppose it made no difference at all. To an ethnologist, it makes all the difference in the world. The Caucasian uses the noose. With him it has been the instrument of execution, of murder and of suicide from time immemorial. But there are other races that never heard of it. The aborigines in my part of the world never did. With them it was always this." He caught up the string as he spoke, and jerked it taut in both hands. "It's the instrument of ceremonial murder. They used to send widows out of the world this way, until the British government put a stop to that etiquette."

"Then Doctor McAllister, who sat facing me, leaned forward.

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the resemblance of women to angels may be more pronounced than that of men, but so far no woman has been able to fly across the ocean.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Willette Morgan, who has been making a holiday visit at her father, W. B. Morgan, of Parma, has returned to Chillicothe and re-enrolled in the Chillicothe Business College.

FOR RENT—6-room house, newly decorated, lights, bath and water. See A. C. Barrett at Bank of Sikeston, tf.

FOR RENT—6-room apartment, newly papered, furnace, bath, electric lights, screened porch and garage. Phone 58 tf.

FOR RENT—130 acres good corn land near Sikeston, good improvements.—Louise M. Lewis, Hotel Mar-

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WANTED—to buy vacant lot in business section of town. See or phone Dennis Murphy at Cocoa Cola Bottling Works.

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5 good tires, 3 new ones, for sale for owner \$300. Reasonable cash payment, with terms.—Mrs. W. H. Tan-

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FOR RENT—6-room house with bath two blocks from business district.—See Sikeston Mercantile Co.

Rooms, \$3.00 per week, single; \$4 per week, double. Also board. Furnace heat, hot water and bath. Two blocks from Post Office.—Mrs. J. W. Myers. Phone 516, 514 N. New Madrid Street.

FOR SALE

Some choice milk cows, Poland China hogs, good team and all kinds

of corn and cotton tools, gang plows, one and two row riding and walking cultivators, disc and disc harrows.

Priced cheap if sold this week, as I am leaving Southeast Missouri. Located 3 1/4 miles south Sikeston, 1/4 miles east of Hebbeler Bros. Dairy barn on F. M. Sikes' place.

FRED T. HOLLAND.

M. W. A. RALLY
Wednesday, January 18, 1928
Odd Fellows Hall, Sikeston, Mo.

To celebrate the leading of the State of Missouri, by District No. 16, in 1927.

Master of Ceremony—National Auditor—Judge H. S. Green of Bloomfield, Mo.

Public Installation of Officers, 6:30 p. m. by Hon. R. R. Smith of Kansas City, Missouri's Director, Modern Woodmen of America

GENERAL PROGRAM 7:00 P.M.

Song—America Led by Glee Club

Drill and Display of Flag Foresters



LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Young shopped in Sikeston, Monday.

NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Mrs. Ed Parker was taken to the hospital in Cairo, Saturday in the Albritton ambulance of Sikeston. Mrs. Parker was suffering from blood poisoning. She gave birth to a son about one week ago and has been very ill since. It was thought by being moved to the hospital she may recover. On Tuesday Mrs. Parker passed away. At the time of this writing, funeral arrangements had not been arranged.

Mr. and Mrs. Cherry and sons, Raymond and Lynn, D. Parker and Ed Parker accompanied Mrs. Ed Parker to the Cairo hospital, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Horn returned to their home in Conran Tuesday, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Duckworth.

Miss Blanche Revelle spent Sunday with Miss Marie Binford.

Mrs. Mary Maxwell and little son Richard, and nephew, Kenneth Roberts of San Antonio, Texas, are visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carruthers.

Mrs. Don Kochel of Canalou spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Elderbrooks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Duckworth motored to Conran Wednesday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Buckles and little daughter of Sikeston visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gill Brooks, Sunday.

Mrs. Milus R. Davis of Canalou spent Monday and Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carruthers.

Mrs. G. D. Steele and Mrs. G. D. Englehart were Sikeston visitors, on Monday.

Empson Brewer of Canalou was a Matthews visitor, Tuesday.



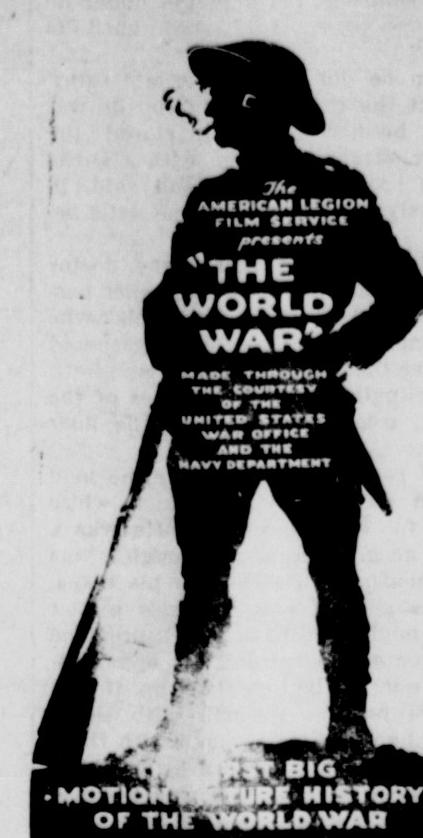
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that live stock cannot be raised profitably without proper pastures. There seems to be a growing tendency among farmers in the county to increase their live stock holdings; this is unquestionably a very fine move, and has the endorsement of bankers and business men.

A point to be remembered however, is that there must be sufficient pasture to care for the stock if any money is expected to be made.

There are several good pasture mixtures for permanent pastures, and any farmer desiring information concerning this, can secure it at the County Extension Agent's office. Spring pastures should be sown, particularly if they have clover in the mixtures, towards the last of February or the first of March. This time

is rapidly approaching and plans should be made before the planting time arrives.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Bible School—9:45 a. m.

Public Worship—11:00 a. m.

Prayer Meeting—Thursday, 7 p. m. Are you attending church? If not, you are cordially invited to attend our services. Everybody welcome.

R. C. ROGERS, Pastor

MISSOURI INDUSTRIAL REVIEW NEWS

Leeton—Annual meeting of Leeton Livestock Shipping Association will be held here January 21.

Dresel—Another oil well brought in in this section 12 on Miller farm, seven miles southwest.

Princeton—O. S. Tallent to install hatchery here shortly.

Hamilton—Burlington* has extra gang here laying new and heavier steel rails.

Bonville—New addition to St. Joseph's Hospital nearing completion.

Columbia—New town springing up on U. S. Highway No. 41 eighteen miles east of here.

Mother Makes 'Em Best

by O. Lawrence Hawthorne

I guess 'most anybuddy's cake
An' cookies ain't so hard t' take
When boys an' girls 're comin' in from play,
But when I'm lookin' fer a treat,
That nothin' else could ever beat,
I'll pick my Mother's cookies any day!

My Gran'ma makes 'em awful good.
An' lots o' times I wish I could
Be at her house t' eat 'em while they're hot.
Sometimes a neighbor-lady, too,
Is lucky, an' brings us a few—
But, gosh, our famly always needs a lot!

When Mother hasn't any more,
Sometimes she buys some at the store,
But every kind tastes jes' like all the rest.
You bet yer neck I like the cake
An' cookies other people bake;
But my own Mother always makes 'em best!



CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

The beekeepers of Southeast Missouri organized at a meeting in Morehouse Monday night. There were two members of the board of directors elected from each county in Southeast Missouri. L. A. Schott of Benton was elected to draft a tentative set of by-laws and a constitution. The first meeting of the board of directors will be held in the Chamber of Commerce room in Sikeston, Tuesday, January 24, at eight o'clock.

New Franklin—New State Bank, Exchange Bank of New Franklin, chartered.

Purdy—Empire District Electric Company constructing power line southward from here to point near Cassville.

Versailles—Central Missouri Mining Company of Versailles to erect lead and zinc mill of 10 tons daily capacity.

Joplin—This place and Kansas City connected by hardsurfaced all-year highway; 60 per cent concrete.

Farmington—Approaches to new bridge across Wolf Creek on 61 three miles south of here will be surfaced.

Salem—19 cans of fish planted in Meramec and Current Rivers.

Campbell—Clay-Dunklin Oil & Gas Company to drill 2 tests near this place.

Cowgill—Fire department organized here.

Clarksdale—"Clarksdale Journal" is new paper being published here.

Shelbyville—E. Smith and J. McKeithen shipped load of 1188 steers to St. Louis market from here on recent day.

Westphalia—Town board grants franchise to Gasconade Light & Power Company for electric current.

Greenville—Arkansas-Mo. Power Company wiring buildings in Greenville and Williamsburg.

Farmington—Traffic sign to be erected at intersection of highway 61 and Potosi Street at northwest city limits.



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